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BY LEONARD GILBERT

THE first time we ever saw Tam she was selling violets. It was a bright day in February, and Mam'selle's class was out sketching in oils. Nature does not abound in brilliant tints at this season. We had painted sombre greens, browns, grays and blues until the effect on our spirits was noticeable, and any bit of bright color seemed a godsend.

Suddenly across the green lake, with a brown hill and grey sky for background, flashed Tam's little boat, her scarlet cap with its saucy tilt and tassels careening about like some bright, frolicsome bird of passage.

Rather reluctantly Tam sat still while we sketched her, then pulled her

breezy little boat up to the bank, and began selling us great bunches of fragrant blue violets at twenty-five cents apiece.

She was much interested in our work, especially when some one began to sketch in the violets, and after that she sought us out every fine day.

Mam'selle was a democrat at heart and used to chat in a very friendly way with the little flower-seller, whose frank independence, breezy ways, and light, graceful poses of figure had completely captivated her.

By and by we found that she went over to the little grey stone house at the college gates to give Tam drawing lessons almost every day. Then we grew ashamed of ourselves and asked Tam to join the class. Mam'selle worked much too hard to be allowed to waste her strength in this way. Tam was too independent to receive lessons gratis; she proposed to pay for them with sales from her flowers, and every day she filled the studio vases with violets, roses, carnations, anything that the work on hand might demand.

Tam herself wished to study only flower-painting, she said, and she painted flowers only on very cold or stormy days when she could not sell them. Her maiden picture was a big loose bunch of violets. She did it remarkably well for a beginner, catching just the saucy tilt of the flowers, the swirl of the leaves, and the genuine, soft, rich violet color.

The class went home with Tam one day to see where so many violets came from. Guess! Down in the cellar. A wide, low window, one pane deep, ran close to the ground the whole length of the south wall, and snug up against it was the violet bed, a perfect blue, sweet mass of flowers.

Some of us expected that, after our rather patronizing visit, Tam would present us with all the flowers we could wear home, but she was far too thrifty for that.

"Flowers to wear? Yes; certainly. Will you have a ten or a twenty-five cent bunch? Ah, thank you," as the silver was placed in her hand.

"Now, if you want some roses," she continued, leading the way up into a tiny conservatory, "you could choose now the buds you wish for your art reception next Wednesday. Tell me what you are going to wear, and I can suit you to a dot."

Thus Tam's trade and her popularity grew apace. Her pet name of "Tam" sprang from her continual wearing of the scarlet tam-o'-shanter. In her tiny conservatory thrived only roses, carnations, heliotrope, mignonette, and a few other flowers that girls are fondest of wearing. At Eastertide there was always a profusion of white lilies. None of these require any great amount of heat, so that Tam's outlay for coal was small.

Soon we became quite loyal to our flower artist, and would hardly think of buying flowers elsewhere. As commencement week drew near, her rose garden and outdoor beds became a telling advertisement for her. We all gladly enclosed in home letters a little printed slip, stating that friends of the graduates could purchase the choicest and freshest cut flowers at the very gates of the college.

One old bachelor, trying to pose Tam, ordered orchids and maidenhair ferns, little thinking he would have to pay for them.

I can see Tam's quizzical expression yet, as she reached for a queer, little basket swinging above her head, and cut from a very odd, knotty-looking plant, four or five great violet cattleyas, bunched them with two other long, lace-like sprays of Adiantum Farleyense, tied them with a broad satin bow of pale violet ribbon, put them into one of her daintiest boxes and handed them to him.

His face was a study as he counted the price from his plump purse. "You don't mean to tell me that you grew these in here!" he exclaimed, looking around in surprise.

"Oh, no!" replied Tam, serenely, "I just got them in a few days ago, so as to be prepared for emergencies." Then with a knowing nod to us as he vanished, she said, "Sold on commission, you know."

"Tam waxeth rich," a classmate observed one day. "She was paying some money into the Building and Loan Association agent's hands as I went by their office yesterday. Been investing in shares, I suppose."

"Then I wish she'd buy herself some more clothes," remarked The Crab. "I've seen that scarlet cap and gray gown till I'm sick of it."

A buzz of disapproval sped around the studio. "Why, Tam would hardly be Tam in anything else," objected Helen Craven. "Nothing could bring out the gloss of her black hair and sparkle of her black eyes so well as that scarlet tam-o'-shanter; and that graceful, little gray gown will look neat and chic so long as there's a shred of it."

"People begin to think her figure is some kind of a trademark on our pictures."

"Paint her gown any color you choose, so you leave Tam alone," snapped Helen. But The Crab died game. "Being a brunette yourself, why don't you adopt the uniform?"

"Because it doesn't happen to suit my stately style," replied Helen, and we all cheered.

Despite all this prosperity, Tam's face wore a troubled look as she came up, one morning, to ask Mam'selle if she might tuck some tiny "For Sale" cards in the corners of her pictures that were to be on exhibition commencement week. Several of the exquisite plaques and panels sold exceedingly well. Some of us were present when the money was paid to Tam. Helen jokingly asked her how many Paris hats she would buy with it. Rather icily Tam answered that it meant bread and butter and a shelter instead of fine hats.

As she went out we all turned to Mam'selle for an explanation, and saw that there were tears in her eyes.

"Didn't you know," she queried reproachfully, "that all these flowers and paintings do not mean mere extra pin-money to Tam?"

"Oh, there's always a mortgage to pay off, or a brother to educate, or a sick sister," croaked The Crab.

"Tam is paying for their home, almost alone," said Mam'selle. "Mrs. Barbour is a widow, and they bought their pretty little home through the Building and Loan Association, each child taking so many shares and paying so much a week. Tam had only one or two shares to carry at first, for she is the youngest, but the eldest brother died, the elder sister married, and a few days ago her mother lost her position as matron in the Children's Home; so that now there are only Tam and the young bank clerk to pay all those shares."

"And if they do not pay them?" asked Helen.

"Then all past payments count for nothing, and the Association must sell the house again."

There was a chorus of long-draw "O-h-h-hs" from the girls. The Crab was looking into her pocketbook. "Couldn't we make up a Tam fund?" she asked anxiously.

"Fancy Tam receiving charity!" angrily exclaimed two or three.

"But there's a lot of pictures unsold yet, and Tam has a great many more flowers to sell. Let's have one more night for the Art Club, and try to sell them all."

"We can't; only tomorrow night is left us of the week, and that's Alumni meeting."

"So much the better! There are a dozen or so million-heiresses among the Alumni. We can call it a flower carnival, use Tam's flowers to decorate, display all our flower-pictures to the best advantage and be sure to sell hers."

"Then why couldn't we wear masks and dress as flowers?" queried Dot, the baby of the class.

So the ball gathered substance as it rolled until we had made out quite a brilliant program for Alumni evening. Tam "decorated" till the last moment, and demurred quite a good deal over our insistence on a lavish display of flowers, declaring that it was not good taste to rig out the rather sombre old hall in such an ultra-fashionable style. We were anxious to dress her up for the evening as a "black-eyed Susan," Helen Craven proffering her a lovely corn-colored silk mull for the occasion, but she refused, and painted away the whole evening, between intervals of tending her flower stand, on a design of violets upon white satin that one of the Alumni had ordered.

This dear, gray-haired old lady stood and watched Tam's deft brown fingers for a long while.

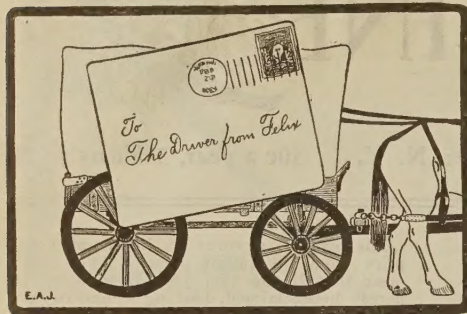
"How quick, and true and graceful your work is!" she said. "We need such an artist for our book, 'Bits of European Travel.' How nice it would be if we could take you with us to Europe this summer!"

Tam's face flushed with pleasure and her eyes sparkled like stars. "Do you really mean it?" she exclaimed, then sorrowfully, "But, no; I paint only flowers."

"That is just the need," explained Mrs. Raeburn. There are flower chapters all through the book. 'Flowers from Normandy,' 'Among the Shamrocks,' etc. The first edition is to be a de luxe, and there is to be a great deal of careful and delicate work in vignetting, initial letters and tail-pieces. We want the mall original and true to life. Shall I say you will go?"

"Bits of European Travel" found a good sale among students of our college. An elegant book it was, and after its publication the signature "T. B." in the shadow-land of flower-sketches seemed to flourish in other elegant volumes the country over.

All this was years ago, but Tam still lives in the little grey stone house, they tell me. A picturesque turret, recently added, has a spacious conservatory below, and opening from it there is a well-appointed, tastefully furnished studio. To each of her classmates who sent her wedding cards Tam sent an elegant little painting on china, ivory or satin, and a box of exquisite flowers. But she remains the same dear, frank, simple-hearted old Tam, her long and frequent trips abroad only polishing her up a bit, without changing her modest manners in the least.



THE stage drew up with something of a flourish at the last. This did not deceive the restless passengers—to be who had been awaiting it for the past hour, and watching for several minutes its slow progress over a hill. "Anything to go?" inquired the driver. The voice was pleasant, but the articulation peculiar. The postmaster at Circle Bar answered in the affirmative, and silently helped load some goods.

"Anyone to go?" questioned the voice again as if in afterthought.

"Yes. This young man wants to go; and there is a young lady,"—slightly elevating his voice. At this, a girl with an appearance of unconcern she was far from experiencing, stepped through the low, log doorway of the postoffice. Her friend, Alice, watched her preparations for departure with an air of secret misgiving.

The wheels of the stage were wadded with "gumbo" after the rain of the night before, and predicted a tiresome trip. The other passenger, a young man with a gun, and a bundle of clothes tied up in a fur coat, from the glances cast the two girls, seemed also to promise trouble.

Mildred Dennison, herself a far less keen observer of the significance of her surroundings, watched the activities of those about her with interest. A tall figure lifted her steamer trunk, carrying it in one hand by the strap as if it had been a lady's hand-bag, and easily raised it into the high stage. She admired the ease and the strength, and the noiseless way it was settled into place. Her suit-case followed, and next she herself, was assisted into the rear seat.

"You're drivin' a new hoss today?" remarked the postmaster. "Tommy, Jean, Jim and Nig! Why what you drivin' your hoss Nig fur?"

"Yes, I was obliged to put Nig in the harness." For the first time Mildred saw the driver's face; it was calm and magnetic, and, like the voice, possessed a marked individuality. He passed a kindly hand over the horse's wet flank.

"The gumbo is something terrible and it will be hard on him—him being only broke for saddle. But the other leader went lame, and Green is using all his others a-haying. And—nobody wants to loan a horse to the stagedriver," he concluded shortly, and climbed into his place.

They were off at a good gait in spite of the gumbo. The young man was not garrulous, and the driver spoke not at all unless questioned. The air was fine and clear after the night's storm and the girl enjoyed this and the quiet of her companions. For a long way she kept sight of her friend Alice, riding "Nibs," and leading "Charley," and going back toward her father's ranch. At last she vanished, after a farewell hand-wave.

Mildred leaned back with a sigh, noting with gratitude that the driver had padded the seat with his coat. She would have liked to thank him, but a new intuition restrained her. She had learned during her summer's visit among these people, that they do things for one another and accept kindnesses with few words.

She noted, with a regretful pleasure, the distinctive western scenery she was so soon to leave behind her; the cactus plants, the coarse grasses, the snake-root blossoms, and the prairie-dog towns, with the incessant "Cheek! cheek! cheek!" of their tantalizing inhabitants. The blue buttes in the distance were restful to the eye, and the intensity of the August sun could not annoy her through her buckskin gloves and diminutive Stetson. Beneath her none too dazzling shirtwaist—washed as it had been in alkali water—her shoulders were delicately browned, and no longer sensitive to the heat, for long rides under scorching suns had not appalled her. The life of these people on the range is hard, but it is not unrewarded. Its labors are great, but its untrammelled freedom cannot be found on the other side the Big Muddy.

One of the young cow-punchers whose life she had refused to share, had spoken bitterly of the unattractiveness of the lot he had to offer her. Mildred had replied then, and with truthfulness, that with the man she loved, it would be a pleasant one. Where then was this man? Not among the agreeable young cowmen she had met, and certainly not in the city on the Ohio to which she was returning. Some such thoughts occupied her now, as she looked her last upon this country, and responded absently to the remarks of the young man beside her who was becoming overly attentive in his manner.

The Driver From Felix

By ELINOR A. RINN

The driver noticed this, although not once did he turn his head, and when they stopped at a ranch to take on two more passengers, he offered to help her out.

"Wouldn't you take a walk to the spring, miss?" "I will get her a drink," said the young man officiously.

"Will you come?" asked the calm-voiced driver, gazing steadily into her eyes. She went. They did not return until the others had taken their places on the rear seat.

Mildred rode the remainder of the journey beside the driver. He placed her at his right, thus protecting her with his broad shadow from the afternoon sun, and put a bundle under her feet which did not reach the foot-rest. He spoke seldom, but well, barring occasional lapses in grammar. His glances in her direction were infrequent, still they reassured her and told her she was good to look at. The girl kept a fascinated eye on the dexterous fingers that manipulated the double reins and swung the long whip with unerring skill.

It was quite dark when they reached the lonely hut where they were to pass the night. A weird bit of womanhood, who seemed to have lost any spark of femininity she might have once possessed, prepared a meagre meal. The driver cared for his tired horses before he came in, giving an extra portion of oats to the small black horse "Nig." When the meal was finished the old woman informed him that his passengers would have to sleep on the floor, as the extra bed was occupied by her "married daughter Sa-i-rah, home on a visit."

"This young lady, now, can sleep with my daughter who has went to bed with her two children. Or, she kin sleep on the cot with me."

Mildred cast a glance of despair at the driver from Felix.

"This young lady," said he, in his quiet but convincing tones, "is here for her health. She has consumption and is compelled to sleep out of doors."

After that she followed him to the stage, under which he made a bed of hay and spread the blankets she took from her suit case.

"The young man and I will sleep under the wagon yonder. The others are going to take the kitchen floor. If anything frightens you just call me—I sleep lightly."

When he had gone she lifted the lid of her suit case and covertly extracted a small six-shooter, more from force of habit than distrust in her protector.

"Why, little girl!"—It was the friendly voice again, with its beautiful, broken articulation,—"You're not going to be afraid with me so near?"

Her driver had returned with an extra blanket. Hiding her mortification and surprise that he should have caught the gleam of the revolver, the girl replied sarcastically:

"No, I'm not at all afraid. A third person is a chaperon anywhere."

"A third person! A chaperon!" soliloquized the driver aloud, as he caught up the lines next morning. "I deserved that!"

"O!" cried the girl, "then it wasn't just a bad dream?"

"No, I had all the bad dreams in this county last night."

"Why I feel like a—"

"Don't you go feeling like anything like that, Miss. I deserved all I got. You ought to have fired that toy at me!"

"Why?"

"For using too familiar words like that—a man in my class."

Then the memory of the tender "little girl" came to her, and sudden tears blurred her vision.

"Nig," said the driver, addressing his horse, "One of these little 'cheek-cheekers' has more sense than your master. Yessir, and a wolf is more considerate and kind."

"Nig, now," he observed again presently "has been under fire and flood with me" and he told her long tales of how they had outrun a prairie fire together, and how Nig had swam the Cheyenne with him. How intelligent the little horse was, how devoted, and what a shame it was to drive a thorough-bred to the stage for even one trip! Indeed, he would never do it again, if the mail never got to Bordeaux, nor to Half-Way neither!

The tears had vanished ere this. Half-Way was the end of his line, from which place the passengers were to take another stage to Bordeaux. They were already due at Half-Way, still many miles beyond the butte they had seemed all day to pursue. The gumbo had dried sufficiently to pile deep on the spokes, from which enormous lumps fell from time to time with a "thunk." When ever they came to a better strip of road the horses went at a lively trot, all except Nig, who ran in the harness as he would under a saddle. As yet the plucky little thoroughbred showed slight signs of fatigue, so that his master's solicitude had brought a few jokes on that score from the occupants of the rear seat. As the drive was yet long, "Miss" was advised to lie down under the seats of the stage, which she could do with comfort, since it was

practically a wagon-bed. This Mildred did, being tired after her sleepless night, and strangely oppressed by the heat.

She had lain so, with closed eyes, for some time when she was rudely awakened by heavy drops of moisture on her face. The sky was overcast, and her startled gaze beheld a dozen prongs of lightning strike the earth at various points of the horizon. Then came the rain. Never had the girl beheld such a torrent! Although there was a canvass top to the stage, the water was soon trickling in upon them, and pouring in through the sides. The girl climbed up beside the driver. "You were better where you were," complained one of the men with gruff kindness.

"O, no!" said his companion, "There is half an inch of water there already."

The storm was closing in upon them. The darkness grew, although it was noon. The pounding of the rain on the canvass deadened their voices. The noise increased in volume and sharpened in pitch. Amid the sharp peals of thunder the driver immediately detected the peculiar sound. The new terror was that most dreaded by horsemen—hail. The wind was in their faces, and the horses would not go on facing against the sharp missiles.

The driver cracked his whip mercilessly: "Jean! Jim! Tommy! Nig!"

In vain! They turned from the storm. Strong hands at first strove to restrain, then aided them to make the turn in safety, and brought them to a halt. There was nothing for the passengers to do but to wait for the hail to cease, and to protect themselves as best they could from the storm. They were thoroughly drenched, for none were prepared for emergencies in that country where it is said never to rain.

When the first shock of the storm passed they again took the road. The remainder of that long ride left in Mildred's mind an impression at once blurred and distinct. Vaguely she recalled that they traveled swiftly, and that the whip cracked incessantly; that the driver urged his horses until even the shivering male passengers bade him go slower. The stage horses trotted steadily, except the little black leader who kept up his tireless gallop.

"I ain't afraid of pneumony," some one volunteered. "It's not pneumonia. It's the crick," came the hoarse voice of the driver. "If we don't get there before it raises we can't cross, and a woman will have to wait in the dark all night."

When they reached "the crick," they saw before them an ominous torrent, black and threatening in the premature darkness. The descent of steep declivities, the dangers of storm and lightening, Mildred had experienced with a feeling more of awe than of fright. It seemed as if from the silent figure beside her there emanated protection. Though she could scarcely see him, she had all the time a mental picture, of which the generous outlines alone were presented to her visual eye. With this image her brain played strange tricks. Sometimes it was arrayed as a fashionable man of her own class, immaculate in dress suit and fine linen; again it was a uniform that adorned his stalwart figure; and in whatever fantastic position she imagined him he maintained a silent and colossal dignity. It seemed not strange, then, that before they entered the racing water, she felt for an instant his strong arm about her, and caught the whispered words:

"Are you afraid? You need not be! God!" This last—the plainsman's prayer—was a deep, soft utterance.

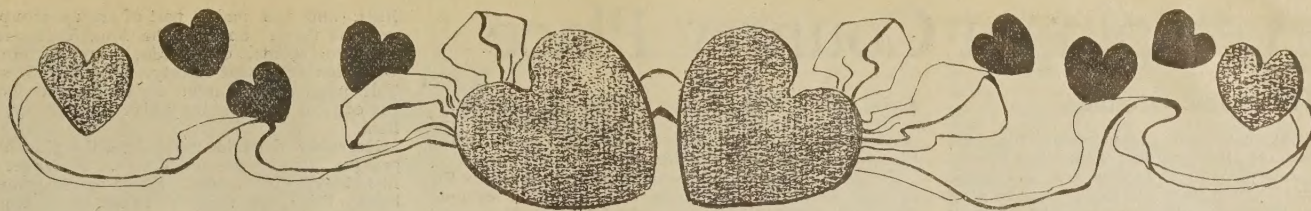
At the next step they were in water to the hubs of the stage wheels; at the next the lead-horses were swimming. Yes, she was frightened! She put her hand to the man's rough coat from time to time, and it reassured her. What those feathery, light touches conveyed to him she would never know. Water surged against the iron bed of the stage. Now the lights of Half-Way glimmered on the surface of the stream. Comfort and safety,—and death—so near! One more heroic struggle from the four horses, a wild shout from the driver and they were out of deep water, clambering up the steep banks. A few moments more and they reached the cluster of rude buildings called Half-Way.

The door of the largest one was opened by a stalwart woman. The stage stopped in front of it, and the passengers climbed painfully down. The flooding light from the doorway shed a welcome, and into it Mildred rushed blindly. She had heard the sharp breathing of the exhausted horses, but she had escaped seeing the small black leader waver and fall heavily in the traces.

The next morning the driver from Felix was lounging in the doorway as Mildred came through it to enter the stage that was to carry her on to Bordeaux. She paused to pay her fare and to feel it an insult, but the man seemed serenely untroubled. She thought it banal to say he had saved her life, yet in desperation she finally did say it; and knowing well the love of a Western man for his horse, she thought it tactful to utter a few words of praise for the gallant little black leader. The man was stoical to flattery.

"I would have done the same for anyone," he said,

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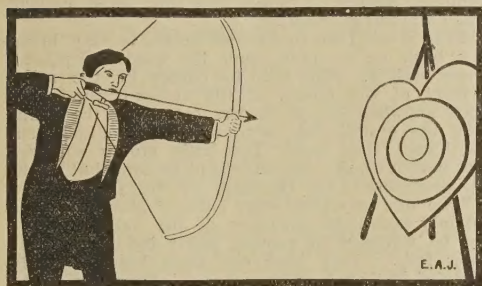
Some February Fun

Valentine Parties



FOR A jolly party of young people there is no more enjoyable affair than a "Valentine Party" in which Cupid has full sway. The invitations may be given verbally or mailed. In the latter case, paste a small red heart in the left hand corner of the card on which you write the invitation.

The "heart" feature may be the predominant one of the evening's entertainment. A little boy costumed in pink crepe paper over his regular dress, and with



wings made either of the same material or of gauze, could stand at the entrance to the parlor and distribute hearts from the quiver strapped to his back to guests as they passed in.

These hearts are cut from paper of various colors. They are five inches long and cut from glossy paper. A plain piece of paper of the same size is pasted to the back of each, leaving the top open. A little nonsense couplet is slipped in for telling the fate of the recipient, as white for the heart meaning marriage, is for the engaged girl, and the couplet inside will be in harmony. Pink is for single blessedness, black for lost hope, a fitting nonsense verse being,

"Alas! alack! you're rueing the day,
On which you gave your heart away."

A purple heart,

"Fine raiment, jewels, costly house;
Everything except a loyal spouse."

White heart,

"Your life from marriage to its close
Shall be as fair as the summer's rose."

Blue heart,

"The die is cast, and, all too true,
Your married life will be most blue."

It will be an easy matter to make up any number of rhymes to suit the different colors, more of which are brown, grey, green, yellow, violet and red.

A Heart Hunt.

A "heart hunt" is productive of much fun. The hearts may be of the candy motto variety, and broken in two and three pieces. Hide these in every conceivable nook and cranny of parlors and hallway. The one who succeeds in finding the most pieces that will form any whole heart is, of course, entitled to a reward, and this may be a humorous valentine, elaborately concocted in the old sentimental style of lace-paper, hearts, with arrows thrust through, poetry and the like.

Follow the heart hunt with "Cupid's archery contest." The following being a new version of an old game. Set up a target holding a large white cardboard heart at least three feet in height, with concentric inner hearts outlined in red. Supply light arrows, with a pin point, to each of the guests.

The players, in turn, are blindfolded and the one who wins must place his or her arrow inside the "bull's eye," or come the nearest to it of any. Each section of the heart has a meaning, as "Matrimonial success," "Five times wedded," "Your destiny is to sit by the fire and spin," and so on. Hitting the innermost circle means, "Cupid favors the winner."

Refreshments.

To secure partners for supper, or refreshments, suspend two large pink paper hearts, several feet apart, from the archway between rooms, or from the chandelier. Through a hole in each hang the ends of long strings stretched between. The young men take hold of the strings on one side, and the young women on the other. All pull at a given signal and when the hearts are riven in pieces, partners find themselves each holding the end of a string.

The rooms can be charmingly decorated with garlands of evergreen, made thinly, and with pink paper hearts strung on at intervals. Mantels, curtains, and archways may be prettily festooned with yards of this, or, use more hearts on long strings without greens. These are equally as effective, especially in the dining room for table decorations. Vary the sizes and cut them from glossy pink and red paper. The work progresses very quickly with a little bit of "know how." Place a dozen or more sheets of the paper together on top of the bread-cutting board and with your different sized hearts made of stiff cardboard placed atop as patterns, cut around the edge with a sharp knife, clear through to the board. The hearts are then strung with a threaded needle and very long string, in fact, it is not broken from the spool until you decide how long you require it to be. Suspend a shower of the strung hearts from the chandelier over the table and scatter them also over the white surface of the table cover.

The menu served need not be elaborate but should carry out the St. Valentine idea in the shape and color of its viands. Have the sandwiches and small cakes cut in heart shape, the cakes covered with pink icing. Cranberry jelly may be molded in a shape with a hollow center and when unmolded filled with a pyramid of chicken salad. Ice cream is served mold it in bricks, of two colors—one tinted pink with canned strawberry juice and the other flavored with vanilla. Slice the bricks thin and with a cookie-cutter make into heart shapes. Serve two pink and white hearts tilted up on the plate with an arrow run through. The arrows are lengths of angelica, cut arrowshape, or spun candy sticks.

The napkins served will make pretty little inexpensive souvenirs of the occasion. Cut ten-inch squares from white tissue paper and, as a border, paste tiny hearts, pink for the girls, red for the boys.

Fortune Telling.

If you serve tea as the last course of your refreshments, it will be the source of much merriment, as fortunes may be told from the tea-grounds. A sorceress could sit down to table with you gowned in black cambric muslin that fairly scintillated with charms and symbols, cut from gayly colored paper and pasted on.

Here are some of the fortunes that were told on an occasion of this kind, where all are supposed to refer to love. Indeed it should be understood that a forfeit is to be paid by any one speaking on any subject except love while the fortunes are being told.

Tall thin tea-stems mean tall admirers. Curved lines, the roads to long or short life. A ring always means marriage. An open ring, or crown, means honors or fame. Dust at the bottom of the cup means wishes gratified; at the sides of the cup greater or less, according to the nearness to the cup's brim. Little bits floating on the top are husbands, one two or three, to the number of "bits." Any possibly human-looking figure means experiences—if small, love affairs, if large, marriage. Fan-shaped leaves mean good fortune from an unexpected quarter; crosses mean ill luck; bent tea-stems a devoted lover and a journey. If all the grounds settle on the bottom of the cup and stay there after the cup has been thrice turned in its saucer, it is an unfailing sign that the person is engaged, even though not acknowledging it, and that the wedding preparations are afoot.

T. Celestine Cummings.

Valentine Couplets.

Somewhere upon a convenient table the game of "Valentine Couplets" may be played by any number of young people. The needful articles are merely a cup of paste, several pairs of scissors and some old magazines with attractive advertising pages. Each player must compose a loving couplet, using for it only words cut from the advertisements and pasted on a blank sheet of paper. The best one wins a fancy valentine as prize.

Washington's Birthday Socials

These are favorite church social parties because they can be enjoyed by old and young alike. A stately and handsome old couple of the neighborhood can be selected to receive the guests as George and Martha Washington. The young girls will look demurely pretty in Martha Washington caps and fichus. At some such parties all the ladies are given Martha Washington caps of white tissue paper to don for the evening, and the gentlemen silver-paper hatchets to pin on their coats. Children, too, often manage to give their costumes quaint Washingtonian touches.

Bunting and American flags make appropriate room decorations. The dining table sometimes holds as a centerpiece a thickly berried ardisia or Jerusalem cherry, representing the one that fell beneath Washington's hatchet. "Old Blue," and other quaint china that may be in the house is appropriate for such socials, and tiny flags scattered about over the table give a pretty effect. Sandwiches, cakes and ices are easily fashioned in hatchet shape.

"Guessing the cherries," forms a merry contest for the guests at table, and the little tree or a jar of canned cherries makes an appropriate prize for the one who guesses the correct number. At one home party that I remember the hostess prepared a list of historical questions about George and Martha Washington, laying one beside each plate.

Leon.



Lincoln and Longfellow Parties.

Why should St. Valentine and the Father of His Country have a monopoly of February celebrations? Lincoln's birthday and Longfellow's both come in this month, and deserve them as well.

It is the martyrdom of the old Saint that we celebrate, after all. The goddess Juno, in whose honor the old Greek festival was originally held no longer appears in the celebration. On this old festival day the men of the old time did their love making and even the birds were thought to choose their mates.

It is pleasanter to celebrate birthdays than deaths and martyrdoms. A Lincoln's Birthday party given in a Massachusetts village one February was a great success. Flags and bunting were used in decoration, as for Washington's birthday, but the favors and symbols used were tiny fence-rails and pine-knots. Some of the best Lincoln stories, told over again in tableau and dialogues by the boys and girls were the cause of much merriment. A Longfellow party is easily arranged for children; he was their own own poet. There may be a troop of miniature Hiavathas, Evangelines, Friscillas and Village Blacksmiths, each one the center of a charming charade giving the striking situations of the poem.

Such poems as "The Children's Hour" suggest beautiful tableau in which "grave Alice and laughing Allegra" and all the rest of the "blue-eyed banditti" can take part.

L. G.

Flowers Under the Snow.

The Christmas rose, *Helleborus niger*, is an outdoor February flower. Who has it blooming now, under the snow, perhaps; yet has not thought to brush away the snow and look for its flowers? It grows best in damp shaded places where the snow is apt to drift deeply.

Winter Flowers from Tree Branches.

An exceedingly pretty and interesting experiment can be made with the branches of flowering shrubs and trees this month. Cut some twigs of the flowering crab, the common apple trees, magnolias, forsythias, of almost any hardy shrubs or trees you especially like that bloom in spring. Place them in a jar of water in a warm room. Sprinkle them and change the water occasionally. If the fates are propitious you may coax any or all of them into bloom in from four to six weeks.

We are carrying a larger amount of advertising in this issue than usual and we hope our readers will find just what they want and patronize those who are represented in our columns. Read "Our Guarantee to Vick's Subscribers" on page 30.

Developing a Country Place

The Home Grounds.

We do not always have the pleasure and the perplexity of planning the grounds about our homes. Sometimes we must take them as they are and make the best of them. Often there are grand trees in what seems to us just the wrong place, but what sacrifice it



A country place, with rose beds and shrub groups in foreground.

would be to cut them down, and how long it would take to grow others like them in fit positions!

The trouble with too many country places is that their planting is meaningless. "Every yard," says a landscape gardener, "should be a picture. Try to set off its area from every other area and to give it such a character that the observer catches its entire effect and purpose without stopping to analyze its make-up. The yard should be one thing, one area, with every tree, shrub and flower bed contributing its quota toward one strong and homogeneous effect."

The two plans for planting the same yard, given in the engraving below, well illustrate this idea. The first one shows the ordinary type of front yards, with bushes and trees scattered promiscuously over the area. Such a yard has no purpose, no central idea. It shows plainly that the planter had no cozy plan in mind when he planted it, no appreciation of what goes to make up beauty in a landscape. He merely planted his trees and shrubs, and most of them grew. That was all that was necessary, he thought.

The other plan shows a pretty home picture, with a dwelling, opening upon a restful greensward for its central idea. The trees and bushes planted with such stiff regularity in the first plan, are here set in groups to form a pretty frame work for the central lawn. "The style of planting makes a landscape," says Prof. Bailey, "even though it be no larger than a parlor.

The Greensward.

The old English saying that it requires a hundred years to make a lawn and two hundred years to make a good lawn is discouraging to Americans who want things made while they wait. High time, then, that all unmade lawns should be started! The seed, at least, may be selected and ordered this month and the surface cleared of stones and debris. It is useless to plow, grade and sow until the soil is loose and mellow.

The sward of the lawn is the home background. All pictures that we make with houses and trees and flowers are thrown into good or bad relief by it, therefore a careful choosing of the seed and thick sowing upon a surface thoroughly prepared is of much importance.

For the middle latitude there is no better lawn grass than the June or Kentucky blue grass. For Southern lawns Bermuda grass is better. The first is sown at the rate of three bushels to the acre; Bermuda grass makes a good sod when sown fifteen pounds to the acre. Good grass mixtures are also offered, but it is more satisfactory to order the different varieties separate and mix them oneself. For general use a mixture of June grass, three bushels; red top, one bushel, three quarts; and white clover, two quarts, has proved successful. The idea in mixing grass seeds is to have the yard always green with something. In hot midsummer weather blue grass is apt to get brown and discouraged; the more heat-resisting grasses then cover its retreat with their coarser blades. After fall rains the blue grass comes out beautifully fresh and green

again, and, in mild climates, remains so until July.

The white clover holds its own among the grass and makes a pretty embroidery over it with many white blossoms and three-parted leaves.

To be sure that enough seed is ordered, measure the space to be sown. Sometimes when the seed ordered does not cover the space desired sodding is resorted to, but this is never so satisfactory.

The Walks and Drives.

These may be curved slightly into graceful lines without detracting greatly from their directness and convenience. On very small lawns they should always be straight. The bays made by curves in walks, furnish good excuses for planting charming groups of shrubs and perennials so that a morning or evening stroll over the grounds may be full of delightful surprises. Tall shade trees are not in order in these "masking groups," as they are called. The shrubs planted should not be formal, but should lose their outlines gradually, and grade pleasantly off into the sward, or the tree-planting along its edges.

The landscape gardeners are everywhere chanting the artistic beauty of grass walks, and unbroken lines, but the beauty of the yard and garden is enjoyed most at morning and evening when the dews are heavy. It is pleasant, too, to dash out into the garden after a heavy rain and see how the flowers have enjoyed it. This to me, seems more enjoyable without the accompaniment of

dragged skirts and wet feet.

Shade Trees.

Climate is a matter much to be considered in the selection of shade trees,—this and the limitations outlined last month. The oak, elm, linden and tulip are among the grandest of all trees for large lawns. The linden casts the densest, coolest shade of all, and the flowers of the European variety have a delightful citron odor, most refreshing through hot summer days. The pin oak is beautiful at a much earlier age than other oaks, and is suited even to small yards.

As a class the maples are planted perhaps more largely than any other trees. They grow rapidly almost anywhere, are shapely, cast a dense shade, are bright tinted with red buds very early in spring and glorious with royal colors in fall.

The poplars grow more rapidly than any other shade trees, but they are short-lived and so brittle as to soon become unsightly. The Lombardy poplar is a mere exclamation point, having no place in a small yard.

Willows of the native sorts will set themselves thickly all along the brook-sides of a farm. The Babylonian or weeping willow grows delightfully green with delicate misty foliage strands even so early as February in some climates.

Some choice smaller trees are the ginkgo, silverbell, fringe tree, sweet gum, dogwood, the flowering crab and the magnolias. These are most satisfactory when planted inside the tall outer frame work of trees, where their bright bloom or leafage can be seen from the house.

Evergreen trees were considered last month. March and April are the best spring months for planting trees. This is the time to select and order them.

The Shubbery.

In the engraving above, the plan on the right shows a good example of shrubbery effectively massed. The other plan has the shrubs placed at regular intervals, in rows, thus losing half the beauty of which they are capable. Some of the finest shrubs are native on our

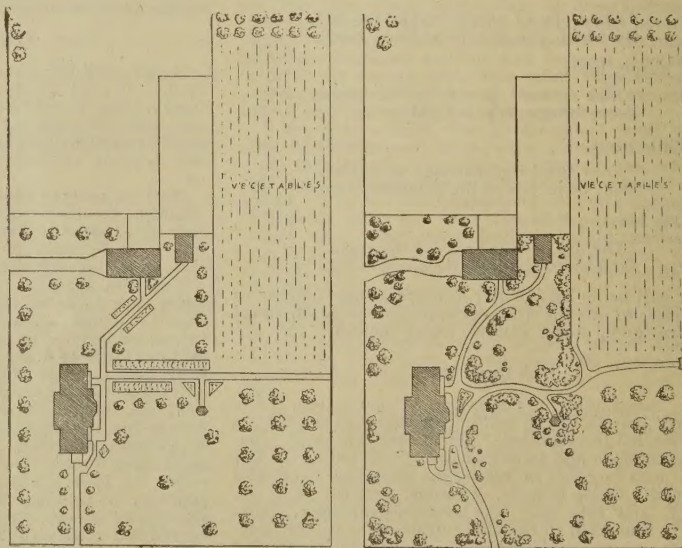
hills, and the major part of such a grouping can be made of them. Some of the finer cultivated shrubs, like the spirea, exochorda, forsythia, tamarix, etc., will give a pleasant variety, if mingled with them. Tall perennials planted in an irregular border along the edge of the shrubbery give it a pretty, brodered hem.

Everyone does not understand the planting of shrub groups. Dig up the entire area. Never set the bushes in holes dug in the sod. Spade up the ground, set the bushes thick, hoe them, and then let them go. If you do not like the bare earth between them, sow in the seeds of hardy annual flowers, like phlox, petunia, alyssum and pinks. The person who plants his shrubs in holes in the sward does not seriously mean to make any foliage mass, and it is likely that he does not know what relation the border-mass has to artistic planting. The thick planting is for quick effect. It is an easy matter to thin the plantation if it becomes too thick. I should generally plant all common bushes as close as two feet apart each way, especially if I brought most of them from the fields, so that I did not have to buy them. The little shrub-borders of the engraving opposite will, in time, develop much beauty. The central planting should be of shrubs and tall perennials, with lower ones in front.

How a Small Place Can be Made Beautiful.

In urging the claim of even a small place to be made beautiful, Prof. Bailey grows eloquent even to an unusual degree. I cannot give the small cottage garden a better advocate:

"Even if one lives in a rented house, he may bring in a bush or an herb from the woods and paint a picture with it. Plant it in the corner by the steps, in front of the porch, at the corner of the house, almost anywhere except in the center of the lawn. Make the ground rich, secure a strong root and plant it with care; then wait. The little clump will not only have a beauty and interest of its own, but it will add immensely to the furniture of the yard. About its base one may plant stray bulbs of glowing tulips, or dainty snowdrops and lilies of the valley. These may be followed by pansies, phlox and other simple flower folk. Very soon one finds himself deeply interested in these random pictures. Almost before he is aware of it, he finds that he has rounded off the corners of the house, made snug little arbors of wild grapes and clematis, covered the rear fence and the outhouse with actinidia and bitter-sweet, and has thrown in dashes of color with hollyhocks, cannas and lilies and has tied the foundations of the buildings to the greensward by low strands of vines or deft bits of planting. He soon comes to feel that flowers are most expressive of the best emotions when they are daintily dropped in here and there against a background of foliage. Presently he rebels at the bold, earthy and impudent designs of some of the gardeners, and grows into a pure and subdued love of plant forms and verdure. He may still like the weeping and cut-leaved and parti-colored trees of the horticulturist,



The stiff nursery style of planting a small place

The same place with its shrubs and trees grouped in landscape effect

but he sees that their best effects are to be had when they are planted sparingly, as flowers are, as borders or promontories of the structural masses.

"It all amounts to this, that the best planting, like the best painting and the best music, is possible only with the best and tenderest feeling and the closest living with nature. One's place grows to be a reflection of himself, changing as he changes, and expressing his life and sympathies to the last."



"In February violets are plentiful in the coldframes."

WINTER VIOLETS

If the care outlined in these pages in the last few months has been given to violets, they should be plentiful in the frames all through February. What a delightful wave of fragrance comes up from the beds as you tilt the sashes on mild mornings to give air! It is necessary to do this on all days when the weather is not too cold, or the plants will be spoiled by mildew and mold.

Violets need plenty of water while blooming, but some judgment is necessary in giving it. Too much water at the root increases the tendency to mildew. Water as often as the surface of the soil has a dryish appearance, giving a thorough soaking to the beds, and then do not water again until the surface is again dry. This watering should always be done in the morning of bright mild days when it is safe to open the sashes.

Some February nights are fiercely cold, and the sashes above the violets are not sufficient protection. The roots and leaves of the plants would not be killed, but unless mats, shutters, or covering of some kind is supplied on very cold nights, the flower-buds of the violets would wither and cease to appear. Old rugs, carpets, or quilts can be used, with boards laid atop to keep the wind from blowing them away.

Violets do not grow well in house temperatures, unless it might be in cellar windows. In the "cold pits" of the South they bloom well all winter.

A little box of violets is one of the prettiest reminders one can send a friend on St. Valentine's Day.

THE ROSE BEDS

So many people who still order roses in May, as they did ten years ago, complain of getting weak, small plants, or varieties inferior to those ordered! 'Tis their own fault. "The world do move" as a famous colored divine declares.

Roses ordered late are inferior because such orders receive tag ends of stock,—the very dregs of the cup. Nursery men now keep "advance order houses" in which the bushes for future delivery are placed as soon as they are ordered. Cards attached to each lot show the owner's name and the date shipment is to be made. February is late enough to order roses if the best stock is desired, and January is none too early.

BUDDED AND OWN-ROOT ROSES

There are almost always some warm days in February when the coverings of roses may be lifted and loosened a little to see how weak or tender varieties are enduring the winter, if any have died, and what sorts we shall need to re-order.

But it is not safe to say that a rose is dead until May and June are well past. The warm rains of spring and summer often coax up vigorous young shoots from crowns that seemed dead entirely. If the rose was grafted or budded, these shoots are of single, wild-rose stock; if it had an "own-root," or was rooted from a cutting, it will give the same beautiful flowers that it held last year.

For inexperienced gardeners I believe that own-root roses are the most satisfactory, but almost everyone longs for some of the beauties that, weak and flowerless upon their own crowns, grow strongly and bloom royally when budded upon Manetti or some other vigorous stock. The chief trouble with budded stock is that a constant watch must be kept for extra vigorous shoots that spring up from beneath the junction of bud and root. These are the stock's own children and it will feed them with sap even to the starvation of the nursing imposed upon it by budding. Therefore it is necessary to pull the under-crown shoots away as soon as they appear.

STRONG GROWING VARIETIES

But in the matter of tender and weak-growing varieties be wary. There are so many fine, hardy and vigorous sorts, why bother with more delicate ones? Mrs. John Laing, pink; Margaret Dickson, flesh white;

Giant of Battles and Baron Bonstettin, deep crimson-scarlet are all of strong, bold growth, hardy and as fine in color as any of the capricious beauties. There are "Ramblers," now of all colors and conditions, so that even in severe climates porches and pergolas may be rose-covered with no coaxing of such beautiful, half-tender sorts as Lamarque and Reine Marie Henriette.

Some of the roses that grow most strongly under glass are weaklings in garden culture. American Beauty, for instance, is not a good garden rose in any except the southern states. But Paul Neyron, also, is big and bonny, near the same color as American Beauty and perfectly hardy

and independent in most soils.

The rule works both ways. Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, one of our best white hybrid teas for the garden, proved an entire failure when first introduced for winter flowers under glass.

It is a treat to go through a rose-house in mid-winter, but the loveliest roses seen in bloom now are not always the most beautiful ones for the garden. The florist who grows them will often give you surprisingly frank pointers on this subject, and any good garden roses that he may be forcing he will point out to you, reserving stock of them, cool-grown in his storage houses if you wish it. It is to his interest to sell people roses that will give satisfactory results.

LOCATING THE ROSE BEDS

Before ordering roses it is well to look over the space at command for planting them. A great hybrid perpetual bush, three years old, needs at least a square foot of space, and we expect our hybrid roses to give us pleasure at least, three times three years. I believe in growing roses in beds, and not as single specimens, except for porches, etc. They are more easily watered, mulched, protected and enriched. They give a richer mass effect, too, when in bloom. Two-year-old hybrid roses should be planted at least a foot apart.

If your rose bed is yet to be located notice, at this coldest time of the season, what spots seem sunniest and well protected from the wind, yet have no tree or shrub roots to occupy the soil. A thick coat of manure spread on any spot that may be chosen now will be leaching into the soil until it is warm enough to spade up and prepare the bed. It will keep the soil from freezing, also, so that you can spade it up earlier than if left uncovered.

Rose pruning is sometimes done in mid-winter in mild climates, but in cold ones it is better to leave it until March or April.

OUTDOOR FEBRUARY PANSIES

In a ten-cent packet there were 123 small oval pointed pansy seeds. They were of the Giant Trimardeau persuasion, and gazing thoughtfully on them we dreamed of early outdoor pansies, all violet and purple and gold and blue.

The season was August, very hot and dry. "They will never come up if sown now," one said. "They will simply bake."

"They must be sown now in order to make good growth before frost," said another. "It sometimes

takes pansy seed three weeks to come up and long before that there will be rains and moisture a-plenty."

Most of the beds had flowers blooming in them, and were too pretty to be disturbed by seed-sowing, but along the south porch was a long bed of small tea roses, showing the brown earth between waxen buds and leaves. From "Elizabeth and her German Garden" we had gleaned just one bit of information that seemed practical, to wit, that pansies were a good ground cover for rose beds. Besides, this bed would have the sun all day in autumn to start the roots of the plants to growing, and again early in spring to start its buds. In winter when the sun hangs low over the tree tops, it is in shadow most of the day and thus protected from winter freezing and thawing. From cold northwest winds it is protected by the porch, from which the flowers can be seen and enjoyed. I give the details thus fully because this proved an ideal pansy bed, in which there is a display of quite creditable flowers until mid-July. True, with the summer heat they lose their fine size and velvety richness, but the cheery little blossoms keep crowding up so profusely that we have not the heart to pull the plants up. After July begins, however, they gradually assume a suffering expression in this exposed place. Then we pull them up and allow a spontaneous growth of portulaca to have full swing until it is time to sow pansies again.

But to return to our first sowing: This soil of ours is a stiff red clay of the pure and undefiled sort that rejoiceth the heart of the brickmaker.

Before the roses were planted in this bed it had been much modified with sand, wood-ashes, leaf-soil and fine old manure. Still, as every one who has a clay garden knows, under preponderating influence of the clay these seem to entirely disappear in a few months, leaving the soil in almost pristine rigidity. I am sure the roses enjoyed the mellowing of the bed before the pansy seed were sown as much as they did the mitigating barrow-loads of sand and manure that were again added. When the surface of the bed was fine and mellow we sowed the seed thinly and evenly over it, firming them in lightly with a bit of board. A clay soil will pack and bake if too much compacted when seeds are sown. No water was given, but the next day it did rain, sure enough, a slow warm shower that thoroughly soaked and settled those little oval seeds in their new quarters.

By the middle of September the pansies were little three-leaved plants, with vigor and energy plainly shown in their dark green color and "up-and-a-coming" expression. The autumn that followed was unusually warm and dry, but with occasional waterings the pansies grew apace, venturing even a flower or two in late October days.



Pansies started in August will sometimes bloom in February.

The spring of 1905 was an early one. Some warm February days started the tips of the roses to growing, and we removed part of the evergreen coverlet on February 27th. Its removal disclosed several full-blown pansy flowers, a little wan and pale, but still, to us, quite pretty. As usual, the first pansy to flower was a dark purple one, with faint cheek outlines of creamy yellow and eyes of blue and gold. I am persuaded that this is an extra hardy and energetic strain, —or color.

Through March, April, May and June this pansy bed was a bonny sight. Meantime, from the earlier-ripened seeds of the best flowers a fresh lot of little seedlings had been started in a cool bed on the north side of the house. These showed buds in early summer, but we kept them picked off and the plants growing until they made broad, rich circles of foliage. In September we stopped disbudding and gave the plants liquid manure now and then. Some of the plants were transferred to a sunny bed near a south wall. From these we picked a gay little nosegay for Thanksgiving.

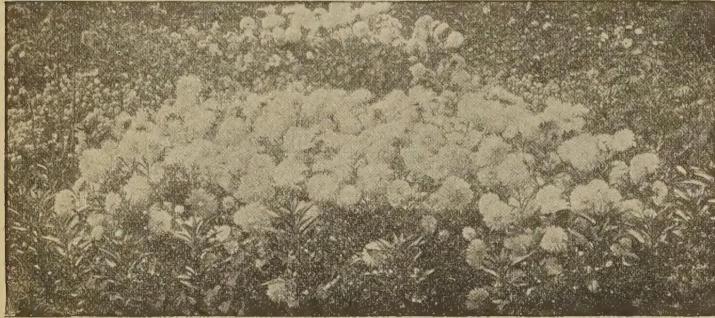


"Porches and arches need not be covered with half-tender plants—use Rambler roses."

A Plea for Gay Little Gardens of Flowering Annuals

Annuals are the "dear common flowers" of the garden, despised sometimes because many of them are so cheap, but planted always in quantity by those who love a constant cheery shine of color along their garden walks. There are fifty or more varieties that deserve the gardener's favor. We cannot plant all of them. There must be some room for roses, lilies and the like! Let us choose among them. A landscape gardener specifies the following as the most effective ones, marigolds, nasturtiums, drummond phlox, poppies, sunflowers, calendulas, morning-glories, sweet peas, balsams, ageratum, zinnias, asters, candytuft, stocks, alyssum.

A good many of us will not find our favorites here.



A Bed of White Branching Asters

But the owner's personal favoritism among flowers is what gives to gardens their individuality. And the landscape gardener thinks mainly of the color of the flower, the mass effect it makes. Many of those that are most beautiful and graceful in form and habit he finds a place for only in the mixed border, because they do not mass well.

EMERGENCY PLANTING.

This is the name often given to a wide use of annuals on a new place. "The annuals grow so fast! They are so bright! They will do until other things can reach size!" We resent the term for our favorites. Some of them are too lovely ever to give place to anything else. I am glad there are emergencies that press my humble friends to the front. In this plea for gay little gardens I do not recommend them merely for emergency planting.

But the emergencies of a new place must be considered. For the first few years of a new place tall-growing annuals like the cosmos, sunflower, castor bean, aster, zinnia and flowering sage usually do duty as shrubs. They screen or outline driveways and walks, unsightly objects or buildings, and are massed along the boundaries of a place, serving as shrubs do for a background to other flowers. All this work they do from seed sown in one year. Half a dozen castor beans planted against an ugly building will screen it more effectively in four months than as many mock oranges would in four years. A moon-flower or a morning-glory will climb to a second-story window before a rose bush reaches the top of the steps.

All this beauty and luxuriance is short-lived, of course. The first frost cuts down the beans and the morning-glories, while the rose and the mock orange need to be planted but once. Still, I argue that many annuals are self-seeding, replenishing their old colonies naturally and with little trouble to the gardener.

THE GARDEN ASTERS.

The most important of the fall-flowering annuals is the aster, which gives to the garden at that season a spring time gayety with its luxury of colors. There are now bold, yet refined types, with flowers as handsome as those of the chrysanthemum, for which the aster is a fitting herald.

The Branching asters are especially fine in habit, as well as in flower, carrying their great flowers royally on stems from fifteen to twenty inches long. Besides white there are a number of pure clear colors and tender shades in rose, pink, lavender and crimson. The Comet is another favorite type of aster, because of its fluffy, curled and crinkled petals. Of this also there is a variety of colors, but the pure white Giant is best of all. Queen of the Market and Queen of the Earlies are very useful on account of their blooming time. Triumph, too, has a new midsummer strain that helps to fill the flowerless gap. Its blossoms are beautifully incurved balls of glossy scarlet. This type is more difficult to grow than others. I prefer to sow the seed always in a box of carefully prepared soil with just a mere trifle of wood ashes scattered through it.

To sow asters early is a mistake. Order them with your other annuals, but do not sow the seeds until

April, when the young plants can get plenty of sun and rain and fresh air on porch or in garden. The most beautiful tints of the Aster are shown in autumn, after a frosty crispness tinges the air. The plants develop more healthfully, too, than those that are forced along under glass.

THE UTILITY GARDEN.

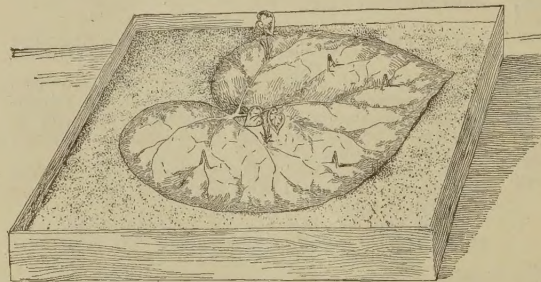
When the seeds of all your favorites are ordered—how they multiply as your busy pencil moves down the list!—reconsider the amount of each ordered. There must be flowers enough to keep the house as well as the garden bright, flowers to give to friends, to sick people, to eager children, to the church, to the cemetery. The plants that are to make the garden picture must stand as thick as they can and develop well, or the color tones will be weak. As to the flowers for cutting, would it not be better to plant them in some separate corner, not conspicuous from the house, where cutting them generously would give no sense of desolation, no ugly gaps in the garden scheme?

Sometimes a bit of the vegetable garden can be made a utility flower garden, and the flowers grown in rows as the potatoes and cabbages are. I have even seen "missing" bean and corn hills planted with salvias and asters.

The following articles tell what some of the readers of Vick's Magazine have accomplished with annuals.

An Iowa Garden

I want to tell the readers of Vick's Magazine about my garden. First as to the flower beds: The garden lies adjoining the lawn, with the gate near the middle of the partition fence. On each side of the gate, inside the garden, is a flower bed. In these beds I have perennials, and starting at the gate, running through the middle of the garden, there are annuals planted in squares, one variety in each square. The corners of the squares point diagonally and meet at the tips to form a long chain. The squares measure five feet from



By courtesy of the Department of Agriculture

Rex Begonias are easily propagated from leaf cuttings. See the little plants starting over the leaf!

one corner to the other. In one square I had a single specimen of sweet nightshade filling the whole space, and it was the admiration of the neighborhood. The other squares were kept trimmed to preserve the shape. On the fence running parallel with the flowerbed, and next the highway, grew my sweet peas. On the outside of the fence, next the lawn, are the rose bushes, of which I have over twenty varieties. This is my present environment.

In former years our house stood in an oak grove. There was a sapling growing about six feet from the kitchen door at the foot of which I laid a few rough stones, filled the enclosed space with leaf mold and planted two nasturtium seed. When the seedlings appeared above ground, I removed one and with narrow strips of leather tacked the other to the tree, as it grew, winding it round so as to show on all sides.

It attained the height of ten feet and you can not imagine how beautiful it was.

E. J. Thomas.

Annual Everlastings

Some flower growers must raise these lovely Australian annuals, else they would not be catalogued, but I never saw any except my own and never read any of the experience of other growers. "Fine for house

culture but delicate for out-of-doors," Vick's Floral Guide used to say, but no annual is easier to grow in open ground. The seed germinates more promptly than almost any other kind unless it may be that of the acrocliniums—a kindred family of everlastings. The plants are soon in flower, and if the flowers are gathered before they open—as they should be for everlastings—and no seed is allowed to form, there will be a long succession of bloom. Pouring some water in the holes, taking up a good ball of earth, treading the soil firmly about them and shading one day with a board, I transplanted a row of rodanthes which were in bloom at the time, but not a leaf dropped and they went right on with their flowering as if nothing had happened.

The plants are delicate in their appearance, hardly a foot high, with thread-like flower-stems and smooth, tender-looking leaves, but are harder than they look. I have grown only R. Manglesii. Of this I have two varieties, pure white and pink, mixed in the same five cent seed-packet. The flowers droop gracefully on their slender stems and nothing of its kind can be finer than the deep pink of the central part of the flower shining through the pure white, semi-transparent scales of the involucre, for, like most true everlastings, the rodanthe is of the composite family. The pure silvery white of the other sort is also very pretty and the flowers are somewhat larger.

Cut the stems of rodanthes at least two inches long, the small buds that come off with them will soon be replaced. Tie them in small bunches, which are to be fastened to the wall paper, heads downward, in a shady room. When thoroughly dry put into a nice box and you will have something fine for winter. The smallness of the plants and the continuous clipping of the buds keep them from being very showy in the garden.

E. S. Gilbert.

Plants from Cuttings

Although there are certain seasons when plants start more readily than at others, the home gardener will find a little window propagator convenient for all seasons. The simplest one is simply a saucer or soup plate filled with sharp sand which is kept continually wet. It stands continually, too, in the bright sunshine of a southern window, it is to be successful.

Into this wet sand may be thrust the cuttings of choice flowers that sometimes come to us in bouquets. If inserted before they have withered too much, in seven chances out of ten they will grow.

In mild middle and southern climates a great many plants can be started from cuttings even in February. Chrysanthemums will probably be the first plants used. The pots containing the old plants were set away in December, after their flowers had faded, probably in cellars, cold-pits, or cold-frames. Examine them now and you will see that they are starting young shoots up from the roots. These are material from which the next seasons' plants are made. Taken off the old plant carefully, each with a bit of root, perhaps, or even as a mere two-or-three-inch cutting and inserted in the wet sand, they will usually develop fine little clusters of roots in a short time.

Some home gardeners make the mistake of potting these old plants, with all their young shoots about the root, in fresh soil every spring, thinking that they will form grand bunches for fall bloom. This is a great mistake. A single cutting, well rooted and well grown, will make a much better showing than an old plant, crowded with shoots that are weak and straggling because they have not had room to develop in. Only the hardy little garden pompons will stand such treatment, and it is best to divide these every year or two, setting the divisions in fresh, rich soil.

People who buy new varieties can secure the plants anytime after the first of March, usually, and the sooner they are started now, the better, especially the large varieties that are expected to perfect their flowers out doors before frost.

Cuttings of tender shrubs, like the libonia, gardenia, and justicia are also easily started at this season. Quite a feather in my cap one season was a tiny Otaheite orange that grew from a two-inch cutting merely thrust down in a pot with smilax that was trained up over the window. Tea roses can be rooted now, if put in boxes of sand and set either in a cold-pit, cold frame, or hothed. I have not been successful rooting them in the house at this season.

Some of the begonias are easily rooted from leaves. The engraving shows the process. A flat is filled with sand, which is thoroughly soaked with water. The leaves laid upon it, with the larger veins cut here and there, and pinned down, the stem of the leaf sends out roots, and also the cut veins, forming perfect little plants. The Lorraine begonia, so much liked nowadays is easily propagated in this way. Its leaf-stems, when inserted in wet sand, form tiny white tubers from which new plants spring.

When filling with sand a box in which begonias are to be rooted leave about two inches of air space near the top, and lay panes of glass over the top of the box to keep the air moist. If the sun shines in at the window very brightly, cover the box with a newspaper during the midday hours.



COUNTRY SCHOOL GROUNDS AND GARDENS

HOW TO MAKE THEM MORE ATTRACTIVE

In his little poem, "School Days," Whittier has well described the average country schoolhouse familiar to us all:

"Still sits the schoolhouse by the road,
A ragged beggar sunning;
Around it still the sumacs grow,
And blackberry vines are running."

Now the sumacs are not bad, if they are of the crimson staghorn type, but the blackberry vines and the ragged beggar appearance are not consistent with our idea of the dignity befitting even a rural temple of learning. One's training for the work of life is begun in the home and fostered in the school. This training is the result of a direct, conscious effort on the part of parents and teachers, combined with the indirect result of the surroundings in which children are placed. The surroundings are more potent than we think and they are usually neglected. It is probable that the antipathy to farm life, so often complained of by parents, is formed before children are able to reason on the subject. "An attractive playground will do more than a profitable wheat crop to keep a child on the farm," says Prof. L. H. Bailey.

City teachers are now pretty well awake to the importance of attractive schoolrooms and school grounds. That the country people also need such a general awakening is pointed out in the "Report of the Committee of Twelve on Rural Schools," of the National Educational Association.

"The rural schoolhouse, generally speaking, is depressing and degrading in its character and general surroundings. There is nothing about it calculated to cultivate a taste for the beautiful in art or nature. If children are daily surrounded by influences that elevate them, make them clean and well ordered, that lead them to love flowers, pictures, tasteful decorations, they at last reach that degree of culture where nothing else will please them. When they grow up and have homes of their own, the homes are clean, neat, bright with pictures, fringed with trees and flowers, for they can be happy in no other environment."

HOW TO START THE BALL ROLLING.

Begin early, so that plans for this work may be matured by Arbor Day. Then, instead of a lot of senseless and sentimental planting of trees carelessly where they will only be in the way, real, earnest work toward a good end may be done about our schoolhouses on the holiday.

It may be that you, reader, are the only person interested in making more attractive the grounds of the school attended by your children. In some places the persistent pleading of one little boy or girl for pleasanter surroundings has been enough to gradually work a transformation. Do not put off speaking of it, and urging it among your neighbors because you think there is still time, or that it will be no use. Talk it over with the other patrons of the school; call a meeting of them at the schoolhouse. The co-operation of the most influential people of the neighborhood can usually be secured before hand.

I wish that every teacher of a country school, and every parent who sends a child there might read "Hints on Rural School Grounds," the Cornell University bulletin, No. 160, from which I have drawn many facts for this article. Some of Prof. Bailey's hints as to methods are also valuable:

Propose a "bee" for improving the school grounds. John Smith will agree to repair the fence (or take it away, if it is not needed). Jones will plow and harrow the ground, if plowing is necessary. Brown will sow the grass seed. Black and Green and White will go about the neighborhood with their teams for trees and bushes. Some of these may be got in the edges of the woods, but many of the bushes can be picked up in front yards. Others will donate their labors toward grading, planting, and cleaning up the place.

The whole thing can be done in one day. Perhaps Arbor Day can be chosen.

SCHOOL GROUND PLANS.

The school ground should be set off from the bare fields and should be open enough to allow spacious playgrounds. The plan should be "hollow,"—well planted on the sides, open in the center. The side next the highway should be brightened with a few shrubs and perennials. Trees scattered about through the grounds will be in the way; the boys will break them down. Mass them around the edges.

The blackboard of the schoolroom is a good place to outline the plan of a school ground at your called meeting. Draw first the outline of the grounds, then put in the buildings and existing trees. Now put in the walks. The first fixed point is the front door; the second is the place or places at which the children enter the grounds. Join these points by the most direct and simplest curves possible. That is all there is of it. In many, or perhaps most places, the house is so near the highway that only a straight walk is possible or advisable.

Next comes the planting. Let it be irregular and natural, and represent it by wavy lines. First of all, cover up the out-houses. Then plant heavily on the side next the swamp or a disagreeable barnyard, or in the direction of the prevailing wind. Leave openings in your plan wherever there are views to be had of fine old trees, attractive farm homes, a brook, or a beautiful hill or field. Throw a handful of shrubs into the corners by the steps, and about the bare corners of the building. Three or four trees may be planted near the building to shade it, but the heaviest planting should be on the sides.

You now have a plan to work to. It has been the work of five minutes at the blackboard. Sometimes the problem is not so simple as all this. There may be three entrances to the grounds and a highway on two sides. It is generally best to separate the playgrounds of the boys and girls. This can be done by a wide hedge-row of bushes running back from the schoolhouse.

PARENTS LOVE TO HELP.

The parents of country school children like to help in bringing the school grounds under cultivation—planting vines and shrubs; and, while in many communities the vegetables and flowers which the children grow may not have the value in the eye of parents that those of city gardens have, the educational value is the same. Prizes are offered by some of the women's clubs of country towns for school ground improvement and where the grounds are large enough to allow each child a little individual garden of two or three feet, the mothers become greatly interested in helping their children to excel others.

From various homes seeds of annuals and roots of perennials are easily collected, with which to make the beds and borders of the school garden bright. The only outlay of money required in the entire course of the improvements made is for grass seed. Even this is ruled out sometimes, and parents will help the children to haul in fresh smooth sod from old meadows and pastures for the grass plots of the school yard. The sod must be laid very evenly and packed down hard. This work of sodding should always be done early, or it will be necessary to water and sprinkle the sodded area in order to establish it.

MOST USEFUL KINDS OF FLOWERS

Only those flowers should be used which are easy to grow and which have the habit of taking care of themselves. They should also be such as bloom in spring or fall, when the school is in session. Many kinds of bulbs are useful, especially as so many of them bloom very early in spring. Think how the children would enjoy looking for the first leaves and flowers of crocus, snowdrop, and daffodil! Some mild seasons coax them out even in February. Later come the hyacinths and tulips, the procession brightening wonderfully as it leads on into the heart of summer.

Perennial plants—those which live from year to year—are excellent. Of these, day lilies, bleeding hearts, pinks, bluebells, hollyhocks, perennial phlox and hibiscus, are always useful. Nothing is better than the common wild asters and goldenrods. They will grow almost anywhere but they improve when grown in rich ground and given plenty of room; and they bloom in the fall.

Annual flowers may be grown along the borders, out of the way of the playgrounds. China asters, petunias and California poppies are very attractive, and quite easy to grow. They bloom in the fall. Phlox, sweet peas, alyssum, and similar annuals will bloom before the term closes in spring.

Wild-flower gardens, made entirely of materials collected from the woods and fields by the children, are inexpensive, and take the place of nature study lessons. Carlyle was right in saying that the "whole-some industry of training children, each in their own little garden, to respect fruit trees, honorable profit, industry, beauty and good order, is the summary of all the gospels to men."

SNOW BIRDS

On twinkling wings they eddy past,
At home amid the drifting,
Or seek the hills and weedy fields
Where fast the snow is sifting.

Their coats are dappled white and gray
Like fields in winter weather,
But on the azure sky they float
Like snowflakes knit together.

O cheery bird of winter cold,
I bless thy every feather;
Thy voice brings back dear boyhood days
When we were gay together.

—John Burroughs



The windows may be kept bright in winter with foliage plants about

THE INDOOR WINTER GARDEN

Conducted by Miss Greenlee

In this bleak month we take the greatest pleasure in our window gardens. Storms are apt to rage outside; there is little bright color elsewhere in nature; even the blue of the sky is washed with a leaden gray. And plants that have been well cared for will make a brave show this month, for the days are lengthening and the extra amount of sunshine will coax out many flower-buds.

As growth quickens they will need more water and greater care in guarding from sudden drops in temperature. It is always the tender, young, growing shoots that the frosts nip first.

Several of the favorite window shrubs will bloom this month, if all goes well,—the azaleas, daphne, fragrant olive, plumbago and others. Weak liquid fertilizers given about once a week will make their flowers larger and finer. In another column Mrs. Lucas gives very plain directions for making a clean, odorless fertilizer from bones. Until familiar with the fertilizer you have selected, use it sparingly, always carefully following directions.

Plants that are Always Beautiful

The window gardener who does not succeed with winter flowers, or who does not think they pay, since they have not much beauty when out of bloom, will find consolation in the plants with handsome leaves, which are always beautiful when well kept. The thick, stiff leaves of such plants are apt to resist untoward conditions, also, such as variable temperatures, dust, gas, leakage and frequent handling.

"If you cannot grow a Boston fern," says one sprightly window gardener, "do not try to grow anything at all." So this is a good "decorative" plant to begin with. Give it a well drained pot, with a compost of woods-earth, good garden loam, a little fine old manure and a liberal sprinkling of sand. This fern grows very fast when well established and will need frequent repotting. A two-year old specimen will fill a fern pan eight to ten inches across. Its receptacle need not be very deep. A good fertilizer for this fern and some of the other stiff-leaved sorts is made from a tablespoonful of ordinary household ammonia mixed with a gallon of water. After watering your plants with "plain" water, give them a little of this about once a week.

A good rule in watering plants of this sort, and all sorts, in fact, is to soak the soil about them well, when the surface begins to look dry, giving enough to run through into the saucer. In about an hour go around again and pour the water from the saucers; if left to stand in them it will sour the soil in the pots, and the roots growing in it will decay.

The engraving above shows a window filled entirely with foliage plants, and what luxuriant winter effects may be achieved, without the use of flowers. Besides ferns, there are rubber plants, alocasias, dracenas, caladiums and a huge banana plant. The vines are ivy and smilax. Tradescantia might have been added to fringe the larger pots and tubs.

This class of plants, together with the flowering shrubs, will help to solve the problem of keeping bright the windows of country houses heated with

wood fires. One successful window collection that I have in mind in such a home has golden-fruited orange and lemon trees, a lemon verbenia, a libonia, bright with small scarlet flowers from February until May, some rubber plants, an aspidistra, a Boston and a Pierson fern, and several dracenas. I marvel over the latter, but they seem to have adapted themselves heroically to conditions. The owner says she puts two great oak logs on the fire at night before retiring, throws some ashes up over them to keep them smoldering, pulls her plant-stand out into the middle of the room, removes the hearth rug, closes the room up snugly and falls asleep with the assurance that even the coldest night will not harm her treasures.

Pestiferous Insects.

As tender young plant growth begins the insects are apt to hold a festival. Indeed, unless one is careful, they are apt to find all-winter abiding places among the handsome-leaved plants just discussed.

The scale is a flat, brownish insect that clings close to the undersides of leaves and stems. It is easily removed from large, glossy leaves like those of the palm and rubber plant, which should be washed regularly with whaleoil soapsuds, or a little fir-tree oil mingled with water. This also is bad for mealy bugs. How the leaves shine after its use!

Red spider can be kept down by showering the leaves of plants on both sides with clear water. To wash the undersides of the leaves without soaking the roots of a plant discouragingly, turn the pot on its side in the bath tub, or the sink, and shower vigorously.

Aphides, or plant lice, and most other insects are very much discouraged by washing whatever plants may be their hosts in weak tobacco-water,—a remedy within reach almost anywhere. Pour boiling water over a handful of tobacco stems placed in some old basin and let them steep for an hour or two. Fill a large basin with clear water and pour in enough of the tobacco tea to tinge it a light brown. If too strong it will curl and tinge the surface of tender leaves.

Into this plunge the tops of the infested plants, with the fingers of one hand spread over the soil about the roots. Move the plants about in the water, washing them clean. When all the patients have been cared for, rinse the same way, in clear water. This treatment, repeated once or twice, will free a window collection of insects in a short time.

The Calendar—February

In the hotbed made last month, now subsiding to gentle, genial warmth, or in pots and boxes set in the window, many seeds may be sown for early outdoor flowers. It is true that March is the great month for this, but warm February days stir one's blood into gardening fever, and the handy man of farming districts generally has plenty of time now to saw up old soap-boxes and fashion them into flats for starting seeds. Be sure that he leaves some holes or cracks in the bottom for drainage and that he does not get them too deep. Three inches deep and a width and breadth convenient to handle or fit the window sill will do nicely. I like to use these boxes for starting early seeds, whether they are started in the hotbed or in the window. It is easier to control conditions for seeds sown in flats than for those sown directly in the soil of the hotbed. Mr. Gilbert's directions for sowing seeds in the house are very plain and practical. A south or southeast window in kitchen, living room or cellar is the right place to set the boxes. For February and March sowing we select such plants as are long in germinating, or slow in reaching flowering size. For instance, in many gardens cosmos and salvias frequently begin blooming only a few weeks before frost. Sown now the salvias will begin to bloom in July and the cosmos in early September. In poor, thin soil I have had it bloom in August.

To fill gaps in the bardy border, sow single dahlias (see Mrs. Clearwater's article). For hanging baskets, the cigar plant; for May bloom indoors, dwarf ten weeks stocks; for covering permanent bulb beds after their flowers are gone verbenas; for edging walks, tufted pansies; for window-box and porch vines,

cobaea and Vinca minor; for summer beds on the north sides of buildings, tuberous begonias.

Rex begonias need less water at the root than is usually given in winter and more in the air. A good way to supply the latter is to place a block on the bottom of the jardiniere, pour in water until it almost reaches the top of the block, and then set the begonia pot on it. Evaporation will thus water the leaves and the roots will not be injured. If the water does not all evaporate in a few days change it often enough to prevent its becoming foul. These begonias like warmth but not direct sunlight.

Callas bloom better if steaming hot water is placed in the saucers of their pots every morning, and, together with heliotropes, may be given a little of some good fertilizer once or twice a week.

Cinerarias are forming their buds for a grand display. If their roots are cramped or the room too warm, the flower-stems will be small and weak. The plants need no pinching or disbudding. They are very sensitive to over-watering.

Geraniums and other plants that pay no heed to good form in growth must have the points of their shoots nipped now and then.

Vines should be trained so that they, too, can be removed for a shower bath. The English ivy, that most beautiful of vines for a cool, shaded window, is sometimes troubled with scale, so that it needs cleansing with a soft brush and tepid soapsuds.

Seed-Sowing in the House.

By E. S. Gilbert.

Last year a seedsman sent a packet of the dust-like seeds of the begonia golden gleam as an extra. I did not much expect to start them, supposing the work very difficult, but finally sowed some in a pot which I covered with a pane of glass. In a very few days a spot began to turn green as if a patch of green mould was growing. Close examination showed a perfect swarm of tiny begonias covering the earth. I imagine that without the glass they might not have started. I frequently cover boxes of seed in this way and think it generally a good plan.

This spring I put brackets in the middle of a south window and made a shelf which holds a box as long as the window is wide, four inches deep, and some over a foot wide. As my covering glasses were seven by nine panes, I put a strip of wood in the middle of the box, nailing it in level with the edge of the box, to hold them up. The box was filled with good garden soil and a half inch or so of the top was sifted in—through an old colander. There was a space of an inch between soil and glass, the strip dividing the box into two beds. Now, carefully pressing a thin strip of wood into the soil, I made narrow rows two inches apart in which the seeds were sown. Then I crushed a little soil into the mark, more or less, according to the size of the seed, very fine ones like petunias not being covered at all. I crooked a forefinger and used the back of it to firm and press the soil; so, when all was done, the beds were corrugated like a washboard.

I find I can fill these little furrows by careful pouring without washing the soil. But watering, except once or twice soon after sowing, cuts no great figure. The soil and the air are kept moist by the glass, and the seeds are soon up.

Give the little plants air then by raising a glass, otherwise the plants will be tender. Some effort must also be made to sow seeds of like germinating periods together. Acrocliniuns, that come up in four days, ought not to stand beside plants taking as many weeks unless they are in different compartments. Write the names of your seeds on slips of paper and paste them on the glass over the rows, then you will not forget where they are. Many sow broadcast in pans, etc., and cannot tell plants from weeds, more especially if they never grew them before; but if the rows are visible and the name is there, there will be no trouble. Lastly do not allow the crisis of your gardening fever to come too early. Wait till the distant fields begin to green and crocus and scilla are in bloom. Your plants will grow enough faster to make up for the delay.

Dahlias from Seed.

By Emma Clearwaters.

Unfortunately, last winter we lost all our dahlia tubers, and, as many of our friends were also losers, we had no tubers to sprout; so we decided to try growing dahlias from seed.

Owing to delays, it was late before our seed was received; but, at last, the seed of mixed double dahlias was planted in a box of good loose soil. They came up as quickly as zinnia seed, which they resemble, and grew thriftily.

A bed was spaded and enriched with barnyard manure, in a sunny spot, and the plants reset. Although small when transplanted, we gave them space, and almost at once vigorous growth began. They were hoed often and how they grew!

As these were the first dahlias from seed we had ever seen we were very anxious for them to bloom, and our pleasure was great when one plant produced double yellow flowers, as these had always been one of our "wants." The flowers were very large, perfectly double and of a beautiful lemon-yellow that stands the sun finely. The plant, too, was very floriferous.

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A FAKIR'S CONFESSION

The Life Story of William B. Moreau, Leader of the Worst Gang of Swindlers that Ever
Operated Among the Farmers of America
TOLD BY HIMSELF



Wm. B. Moreau

FOURTH INSTALLMENT. This series of articles began in the October issue of Vicks Magazine and will continue for several months, covering most of the operations of this nefarious gang of swindlers. We publish these articles not only to furnish interesting reading for our subscribers but to warn them against the operations of such robbers as Moreau and Ganly.—Editor.

BEHIND THE BARS.

Following his introductory of the Bohemian Oats swindle, "Billy" Moreau continues:

"We tried the sale of town and county rights plan for several days, but found it slow and tiresome, as it was too much work to squeeze a \$500 note out of a farmer, compared to getting smaller notes, say for \$50 or \$100 each, from a number of them, or cash for five bushels of seed oats from many.

"Being fully equipped, and possessed of some desirable information in regard to a few farmers of Victor, Monroe country, N. Y., Ganly and I set out to get the best of it, and at any cost. Well, there is where we were disappointed at first, although later we more than came out winners. Let me say right now, that for a jay country town Victor farmers stand the equal of the best for sharp people. After finding this out we determined to 'do up' somebody on one thing or another. We lounged around several days, evaded the inquisitive as much as possible, and finally secured a few orders for oats, which were to be delivered within a month C. O. D. The oats were delivered; the common kind, of course, and as we were always in a great hurry while collecting, we were on these occasions. We had no trouble in raking in about \$800, after which we separated and quietly fled to Rochester to prepare to open up new fields.

"To say that we had no compunction would be untrue, for some people whom we did up slick we really pitied; but, as we never worked a farmer who didn't want the best of it, and was ever ready to do up his neighbor, we threw sentiment aside and skinned them for all we could.

"I have heard farmers give testimony in court and swear to the blackest lie, by saying they did not sign a note, but might have signed an obligation or paper of indemnity, apparently not knowing that they were one and the same thing, and others deliberately lying to avoid paying it. The judge generally knew they were lying and charged the jury accordingly.

"We did not do much after leaving Rochester till we struck Ontario county, N. Y. This was a grand field and we picked up notes (mostly small ones, \$50 to \$100 each) right and left.

A SERIOUS MISHAP.

"Like the general herd of sharp-practice people, we became very bold, and as we had not experienced any serious trouble so far, we never gave the subject of a collision with the law a moment's reflection. This was a great mistake, as will be plainly seen before we get through with this adventure. After laying out our crooked work, a victim was selected with what we supposed to be sufficient care. We were correct in our conclusions regarding the man himself, but his wife, she was a tartar! We worked the old fellow for fifteen bushels of Bohemian oats and got his note (\$150) for the same. When he signed the statement on the reverse side of the note it made us shudder—it wasn't an endorsement, as intended, or rather a good statement of his ability to pay. We took it, however, but were unable to sell it in Canandaigua, although we offered to take sixty dollars for it. We returned with it to the farmer to get his wife's endorsement, as the title of the farm was in her name. He seemed willing and anxious to have her sign the note, but when we approached her she acted like a menagerie let loose. She called us the vampires of the earth. (She evidently knew what she was talking about.)

"You are swindlers, villains and highway robbers, and if you don't leave these premises I— These premises are mine, and that soft pumpkin that you have been trying to rob (pointing to her husband) has nuthin' to do with it— Well, I'll set the dog on you, or get Henry to shoot you!"

"She then called a vicious-looking bull dog, and I can assure you my only thought was how to get out of that yard without picking a quarrel with that dog. Henry held the dog, the beast growling and seemingly anxious to get at us. The old lady kept her tongue wagging. She said she saw in a paper the other day that sellers of Bohemian oats were swindling people in Cayuga, Onondaga and other counties, and she believed we were the gang. The young man said he believed so, too. We tried to reason with him, but it only seemed to make matters worse. We then suggested that we send the oats C. O. D., and if they didn't like them they needn't keep them. That made the young man furious, although the old man said the proposition seemed to be perfectly fair. Oh! he was awfully easy; if he was only good for the note!

"Seeing that nothing could be done there then, I concluded to leave, and bidding them good-day in my most approved style, we left, determined to return some day when the woman and son were away and work the farmer for cash. When we got into our buggy the dog was let loose, and soon Henry appeared on the porch of the house with a gun. It was doubtful if he would use it; he wanted to show what was in store for us if we returned. We afterwards learned that some of our gang had worked a clothes-line patent, some fertilizer, a quantity of books, and also got one of our agency papers with a note attachment on the old man. His wife helped pay them, and had quite enough of our kind of people. The young man was in Canandaigua about as soon as we were, and must have given the story to a reporter or officer, for a few days afterward it appeared in a paper.

"We then knew we must make a new track or leave that locality. We had several small notes which we wanted to get cashed in Canandaigua, but, after the exposure, were obliged to hold them till the talk blew over. We left rather suddenly and next stopped at a place called Phelps. This was a great mistake, for we should not have stopped so near the scene of our last adventure.

THE CHIEF FAKIR LOCKED UP.

"Leaving Canandaigua was like stepping from the frying-pan into the fire, as will be seen later on. As I said before, we had to drop our 'oats' scheme for the time being. We lay low for a few days, at the same time quietly getting the lay of the land and pointers on any one we could victimize.

"We tried to sell some notes in Geneva, but were not successful. We then concluded to operate with cornshellers. We picked up a seventy-five dollar note near Clifton Springs and then went to work near Phelps. We worked very steady and hard for several days, but didn't seem to strike the farmers favorably. Just about the time we concluded to go over into Seneca county we struck an easy mark. He had been done up before, and that was the kind of a 'Rube' we were after. Our victim's name was W. P. Reaper. He had a nice farm four or five miles west of Geneva. We got tips on him in Geneva and were fully armed with information

about himself and family before we started to rob him. With a good pair of roadsters we soon covered the ground and drove into Mr. Reaper's yard. Presently we saw our man coming up a lane toward the barn, and as he approached he eyed us curiously. When I said 'Good morning,' he gruffly asked what I wanted. I said 'I wanted a moment of his time to talk business of mutual advantage to both. He said, 'I don't want to talk any business with you, sir. I don't want to have nuthin' to do with strangers; so, that is all I want to say to you.' 'But,' said I, 'my friend, I cannot understand why you should pitch onto us; we never put a straw in your way. This is not doing by us as you would be done by. This treatment is not taught to me in my church. I hear something different every Sabbath, and I trust you do.'

"Wall, stranger, I allow I might have been a little mite hasty. You know I have been robbed so by them air patent-right fellers that I lose all patience with all strangers.'

"Oh! now I see it all,' said I, 'and I don't blame you. You should always be careful and deal with only reliable houses. We are not patent-right men; we are farmers, like yourself, and despise the patent men as much as you do. We work our farms and also handle some very useful farming implements. We have more territory than we can cover and do justice to the machines, and want the best, smartest and most influential citizens in the towns to represent us; it won't take much time, and you can make big money. In fact, it is almost like picking up money, at the same time giving purchasers the best and cheapest implement of the kind made. You were recommended as the best man in the town to represent us, but if you are backward and do not feel like taking hold with a will, there is no use of talking any further about it.' I didn't give him a chance to say he didn't want the agency, for I kept right on telling of the great advantages of dealing with our 'old reliable' house, reciting over and over the big money made by our agents everywhere. I named over several in other towns who made lots of money as our agents.

"By this time Mr. Reaper seemed dazed. I had him all tangled up. He seemed partly hypnotized. The sound of one name, Mr. Thorpe, seemed to wake him up. 'Is Mr. Thorpe your agent?' said he, at the same time telling what a good man he was. I let the old man tell all he knew and then broke in, saying, 'Yes, and there are very few better men among the several hundred agents in our employ. He is making more money now in a month than he ever made on his farm in a year. We think a great deal of him, too, and will give him and all such reliable men all the territory they want. Of course they must be responsible, and the company must feel that their goods are secure in their agents' hands.' This was a fine opportunity to introduce the indemnity clause. Mr. Reaper then began to ask questions, such as how to work sales, costs, margins, advantages of the shellers, etc. He said Mr. Thorpe was a good friend of his and he might be able to get some 'ideas' from him. I said, 'Yes, it was a happy thought, but as he was fully as smart as Mr. Thorpe, and as the circulars that we would send him fully explained everything, he would be just as able to sell in a day as any one. (When I referred to his being smart he smiled approval, and after that I lost no opportunity to work on his bump of self-esteem. I knew he couldn't get away from me then, and I toyed with him. Of course I was anxious to close the one-sided deal, but the temptation to play with him was so strong that I could hardly resist following it to a dangerous length. When a farmer begins to get interested the worst of the work is over, for when he wants to know all about an article he has an itching to become an agent and pose at the county fairs as an extraordinarily smart man while showing and explaining the merits of his machine to the farmers.)

"All our talk took place in the barn, and although he became impatient, Mr. Reaper invited us to dinner. We declined, owing, as I said, to a pressing engagement in another town, where I was to meet a man and close up an agency deal with him. I showed him a list of names, which I claimed were agents in different towns (a bogus list, of course). He said he knew some of them, and pronounced them good, honest, industrious men. Then I showed restiveness, my apparent anxiety being to get well established in the least possible time. Mr. Reaper wanted a few days to consider the matter and talk it over with his wife, so that I said we must close up the matter at once, as it wouldn't pay us to go over the same ground twice. 'Well,' said Mr. Reaper, 'I'll take it and do the best I can.' I then read over the agreement and 'obligation of indemnity,' as I called the accompanying note. He reluctantly took the note and began reading. I then got in my best work on talk, explaining that the company bound itself to protect its agents, who were the best men in the country, and every one of them was manly and fair enough to do his share to make the company safe. The indemnity was only a part of the agency agreement, which would lay in the hands of the company until he should quit it, and then be turned over to him upon his surrender of the agency and pay for all shellers actually sold and received pay for. At this time a young woman came to the barn door and urged Mr. Reaper to go to dinner. This greatly alarmed us, but it proved fortunate, as it had the effect to get our victim to sign hurriedly, and enabled us to cover a hasty retreat, which we did, at the same time giving the new agent (for nothing) instructions how to work, etc. We drove slow until out of the farmer's sight, and then struck a gait that would be envied by professional horsemen.

"We afterward learned that Mrs. Reaper took her husband to task for signing any papers for strangers, particularly anything that looked like a note, and she set Mr. R. to seriously thinking that perhaps he might have been swindled. After dinner he followed us to Geneva, where he found us at the Washington House. He wanted to see the paper that he signed, but I told him I sent it to the house. He knew I was lying, for he had been told that I tried to get a note signed by him cashed, and he told me so. I denied it, of course. He charged me with being a swindler, thief and everything else that was bad, and made it decidedly uncomfortable for us.

"We started for the depot to take a south-bound train, but he grabbed me and shouted 'Police!' I tried to get away, but, as a crowd gathered and some of them helped the farmer, I was held till a warrant was issued, and then arrested. My pal was also nabbed. He presented a picture of injured innocence and declared we would make it warm for all those who interfered with our liberty. The next train took us to Canandaigua and I was taken to jail. In the meantime Ganly claimed to have nothing to do with me, and Reaper seemed to believe him in the confusion, and he was allowed to go. They started for the jail with me, and in a short time I found myself behind the bars.

Some Anecdotes of Lincoln

TOLD BY HIS FRIENDS

His Sentimental Adventures.

Although only two days intervene between Lincoln's birthday and St. Valentine's Day we cannot imagine his ever having employed any fraction of it by the sending of loving messages. It is recorded of him that a more freakish lover never existed. The objects of his affection were kept vibrating between douches of coldness and warm thaws of affection.

January 1st, 1841 was the original date of his wedding with Miss Mary Todd, but the bridegroom came not. The bride, guests and supper were waiting, but Lincoln failed to appear. He was found the next morning wandering about the streets, having been overcome by one of his attacks of melancholy. Miss Todd was true, however, and the marriage was finally solemnized November 4th, 1842.

Meantime, several articles reflecting upon General Shields had appeared in a local paper, and it was said that the writer was Miss Todd. Not long after Lincoln's marriage General Shields sent Lincoln a challenge which the latter accepted, selecting broad swords as the weapons to be used. But friends interfered and no blood was shed. Later, Shields rose to the rank of Major-General in the civil war, Lincoln making the appointment.

Carelessly enough Lincoln's rival for the hand of Miss Todd was Stephen A. Douglas, one of the candidates for President beaten by Lincoln in 1860.

But Miss Todd was not Lincoln's first love. This was beautiful Ann Rutledge, who died in her eighteenth year, broken-hearted over the desertion of a faithless lover. Lincoln's fits of melancholy seem to date from that time. His affection for her was deep and earnest.

Yet, a year later Lincoln engaged in a sentimental skirmish with Mary Owens, a handsome Kentucky maiden. When he proposed marriage, with characteristic candor, he advised her not to accept him and does not seem to have been greatly cast down when, adopting his suggestion, she married a Southerner. He was not an impressionable man so far as women were concerned. Although ever deferential to them he rarely sought their companionship.

Lincoln Stories.

It is said of Lincoln that no man of his time could so quickly and completely answer a perplexing question with the truth wrapped in a funny story, as could "Old Abe." The good hearty laugh produced by the reading or telling of a funny story was a safety-valve for his overburdened faculties during the civil war and during his long fits of melancholy.

Presidents Roosevelt and Cleveland find a similar relaxation in their hunting and fishing trips.

The Great Story Teller knew fully a thousand funny stories, hundreds of which were not only amusing, laughable and droll, but contained the very essence of wisdom and truth. These he used as weapons against those who were continually bringing him into their petty disputes.

There are many stories told of Lincoln, to show his chivalry and humanity, and how unflinchingly, even in righteous wrath, he remembered mercy. "Had Lincoln lived," said the sane thinking, reasoning element among the Southern people, after the war, "we had never known that dark and awful reconstruction time."

A Characteristic Letter.

Executive Mansion, Oct. 17th, 1861.
MAJOR RAMSEY:
My dear Sir:—The lady—the bearer of this—says she has two sons who want to work. Set them at it, if possible. Wanting to work is so rare a merit that it should be encouraged. A. LINCOLN.

The Brother Jonathan Type.

That Lincoln was sketched in the typical "Brother Jonathan" of America there

can be no doubt. In the familiar figure are set forth all his simple dignity as well as his uncouthness, his honesty, sincerity, force and directness. Always kindly, he was yet among the shrewdest of our typical Americans, his logic a joke, but always irresistible.

Another Way Suggested.

To a man who once offered him a case, the merits of which he did not appreciate, Judge Herndon, Lincoln's partner, tells of Lincoln's advice: "Yes; there is no reasonable doubt but that I can gain your case for you. I can set a whole neighborhood at loggerheads; I can distress a widowed mother and her six fatherless children, and thereby get for you six hundred dollars, which rightfully belongs, it appears to me, as much to them as to you.

"I shall not take your case, but I will give you a little advice for nothing. You seem a sprightly, energetic man. I would advise you to try your hand at making six hundred dollars some other way."

Longfellow's Humor.

Although Longfellow's life was saddened by a great tragedy, and most of his poems are of the stately, polished order, he was yet genial-hearted, and merry even to the writing of squibs sometimes.

One summer when the Appletons were living in Lynn, the poet's son Charles came over in his boat one day to make a call. The boat then capsized and he was thrown into the water. A change

of clothing was made and Captain Appleton lent him a pair of slippers, which he wore home. A few days afterward Mr. Longfellow returned the slippers on the wrapper of which was written:

"Slippers that perhaps another, Sailing o'er the bay of Lynn, A forlorn or shipwrecked nephew, Seeing, may purloin again."

The mother of Captain Nathan Appleton was a cousin of Charles Sumner. She and Longfellow were intimate friends. One day when he came to call on her, from Portland, he wore a pair of new squeaky boots. When he went away he left a little poem written on a card, which Captain Appleton probably still keeps.

"I knew, by the boots that so terribly creaked

Along the front entry, a stranger was near;

I said, if there's grease to be found in the world,

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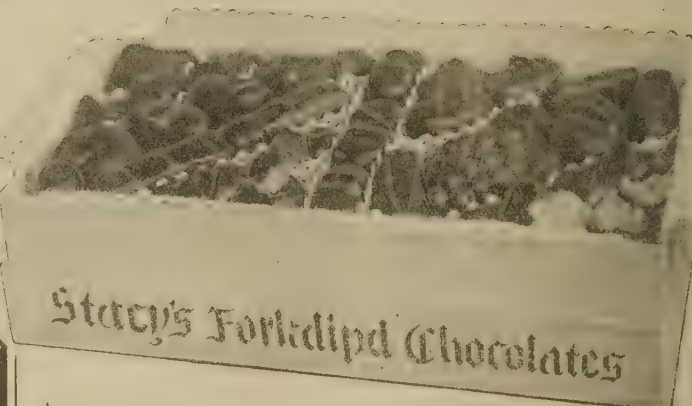
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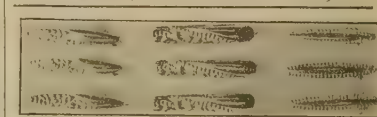
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IN THE LAND OF THE OLIVE TREE

"The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, 'Reign thou over us.'"
Judges IX: 8.



Branch of ripe olives from which oil is made

or the olive countries of our own continent—California, Mexico and Arizona? Perhaps we can have a glimpse of each.

In Bible lands the wild olive grows on barren spots; its trunk is gnarled and crooked; its branches twisted; its fruit bitter and none too plentiful; its thorns many. But let it be cultivated; let it be cherished and sheltered from danger of roving cattle, and it becomes a thrifty, thornless tree, with myriads of rich drupes hanging among its graceful boughs.

The old trees of the country grow in great groves along the hills, swaying gently to the south wind that turns their leaves upward into masses of grayish white and green. These silvery, faint-toned colors are very beautiful, but they convey, some way, an idea of ghostliness and sadness. Even in brightest sunshine they throw but faint shadows on the turf. A man who has spent much time in studying them says they look as if they had grown altogether by moonlight. If you really saw them they would probably make you feel very much as you do when some one is telling you a ghost story and dark is coming down. But the gathering and crushing of the olives, the queer dress and speech of the people, as they carry on the work, would dispel the feeling. You would soon be eager to help the sun-browned boys and men climb the trees and gather the olives, or shake them down.

One of the pictures shows a great wheel such as was used for crushing the olives in Bible times. The same method is still used in some localities. Other pictures show the gathering, ripening and pressing of the olives.

Olive trees of old Bible times were in no hurry about bearing. It sometimes took them fifty years, we are told, to become fruitful. They were then very valuable, not only for the enormous crops of fruit they bore, but also on account of a valuable perfumed oil that exudes from the older branches. Some of the trees live to great age. Near Nice, there still exists a monster olive tree said to be nearly a thousand years old.

The best groves of the Mediterranean country are in Sicily, Calabria, the Albruzzi, Puglia, Lucca and the Riviera. The best table oil exported to America is from Lucca. Olives prepared for eating come from Spain. Olives of the plain yield more fruit than those of the hills, but the oil from the plain olives is much more fatty and less delicate than the oil made from hill olives.

Perhaps the most beautiful olive-groves of the whole

world are found in Southern California. These groves were started as early as 1769 by the Mission fathers of Southern California. Now, instead of a few straggling shrubs, great olive forests with wonderful, shining foliage, extend to the very edges of the Sierra Madre mountains. Of late, our best olives come from these groves.

Trees of these groves, the younger ones, have learned modern and strenuous ways. A little tree four years old from the cutting will bear fruit; in its fifth year it should yield some sixty gallons of oil; in its eighth year it is a full-fledged tree and very profitable to the owner. Trees that grow thus quickly and are well tended have not the mournful, wierd expression of the old monarchs whose lives are one long, slow struggle with adversity.

How Olives Are Pickled

Children who love pickled olives would watch the California process with much interest. The pickles would be so bitter that you would all make wry faces when eating them unless the olive's natural bitterness were extracted in some way before the pickling process began. This is done either by the use of a lye bath for them, or by long and daily immersions in fresh water. The olives will taste better if you imagine that the fresh water process was used. The fruits must be very carefully handled to prevent bruising. When free from bitterness they are ready for salting. A weak brine is used at first, with the strength gradually increased until it would float an egg. The olives in their great tubs or vats, floating sometimes on the surface of the first weak brine, do not look unlike green birds' eggs, of the sorts you will be finding among trees and shrubs a few months later. The brine prevents their shrinking and toughening. Later they are packed in boiled brine where they will keep for years. They are shipped in great wholesale lots from California, and bottled in the smaller establishments of other states.

The white blossoms of the olive are quite small and thickly clustered. The fruits, with which you are familiar, are never larger than a pigeon's egg. One species, a somewhat dwarf one, has deliciously fragrant flowers and is much loved by window gardeners.

C. N. I.

How Olive Oil is Made.

The finest quality of oil is extracted from olives which have just begun to ripen. When the olives are thoroughly ripe the yield is more abundant but not so fine in quality.

The fruit when ripe, is not olive-green, but a rich, dark purple. The finest oils are extracted from hand-picked fruit before it begins to color, so that the oil will retain the clear color desired. First the olives, stones and all, are crushed by a mill, in foreign countries usually run by ox-power. The pulp is then transferred to a press, over a vat, the bottom of which is covered with water, into which the oil oozes. Great pressure is applied, and, the oil



Pressing the baskets of crushed olive meat. The thick, dark liquid runs into the cans at the sides

being lighter than the water, floats on top and is dipped out.

The first pressing is called "virgin oil," but there are commonly two or three squeezings of the pulp, obtained, after the first time, by mixing boiling water with the pulp and subjecting to a greater pressure than before. Some of the Tuscan presses, especially at Dievole, are very old and carved with the arms of some early padrone. The making of olive oil is one of the chief industries of the Tuscans. They dip it from the cistern and stand it for a week or ten days in tall earthen jars in a clearing room, called by them "chiara olo"—at the expiration of which time it is ready for use. The many uses of olive oil, its healthfulness and superiority to other oils and fats are pointed out this month in our department, New Ideas for the Household.

JULIET HITE GALLAHER.

How To Be Heroes.

When Washington was little,

A tiny boy like me,
He was always kind and gentle
And brave as brave could be.

Perhaps he made a few mistakes,
But tried his best, I know;
That's why he made a hero.
Mother told me so.

When Washington was little,
Just as I am today,
He was always very earnest
In all his work and play;

And when he got in mischief
He told the truth, I know.
That's why he made a hero.
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In all his work and play;

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He told the truth, I know.
That's why he made a hero.
Mother told me so.

And so when boys are little,
As small as you and me,
We must try and try our hardest
If heroes we would be.

For brave and honest little boys
To honest men will grow,
And they're the kind for heroes!
Mother told us so.

TOMMY.

By Henrietta R. Hinckley.

Tommy had been told repeatedly to keep away from the big stone well which stood in the orchard back of Marse Johnson's house.

"Marse Johnson not want no little brac' nigger to fall in dat well en spile de bes drinkin' water in dese yere parts," asserted Tommy's mother, black Dinah, who washed for Marse Johnson's folks in payment for the rent of a little old barn on the outskirts of the farm where she and her husband, who was employed as a waiter in an uptown hotel, had contrived to make quite a comfortable home.

The old stone well was a source of great temptation to Tommy, for when the sun shone just right he could see far down at the bottom of this well a roguish little black face peering up at him, inviting him to play, and Tommy loved to make faces and show his ivory teeth and shake his head at the little boy so many feet below him.

One morning when Dinah had gone up to the big house to wash, Tommy grew tired of playing with the little cart his father had made for him out of a starch box, and, looking about the room for some other object to interest him, his eyes fell upon a blue soldier's cap hanging on a nail high above his reach. This was another forbidden pleasure, for there was quite a history attached to that faded cap of blue which made it very precious to his parents.

Tommy looked longingly at the cap and wondered if it would fit him. He resolved to try it on and then replace it before his mother returned. With the handle of the broom he carefully lifted it from the nail and lowered it into his eager little black hand. He looked it over with much interest and some awe, for there was a bullet hole on one side and a blood stain on the other. After inspecting it to his heart's content, Tommy placed it on his own black kinks. It was a loose fit, but he pushed it down firmly, then, shouldering the broom for a musket, he marched up and down the path in front of his home.

Suddenly a happy thought struck him. The sun was just right to make a mirror at the bottom of the old stone well and he would see how the cap became him by looking into it. Off he ran and climbed the moss-covered rim, shouting a joyous welcome to the merry little face below, with a blue cap perched upon its head. "See my cap!" he shouted, shaking his head triumphantly at the reflection. Unlucky shake! Off tumbled the blue cap and down, down it went, until it struck and obliterated the reflection of a frightened little black face. With a howl of despair Tommy tumbled off the side of the well, his childish heart beating with fear.

"Oh, what will mammy say? Oh, what will Daddy do?"

Just then his mother called him; she had returned and found him absent. He ran and cast himself sobbing into her capacious lap.

"For de good Lord's sake, chile, wat de matter wid you?" asked Dinah, shaking her offspring vigorously to stop his crying. At last she caught the word cap and glanced up at the empty nail.

"Wat you done wid dat cap?" she demanded wrathfully.

"Los' it down de well," sobbed the boy.

Then Dinah's wrath broke forth. "You little, black, ornery imp of mischief!" she cried. "Yo' daddy kill you sure, wen he come home en fin' dat cap gone! Maybe he chuck you down de well, too. You clare out, now, en doan let him catch you!"

Dinah opened the door and pushed the boy out, clapping her hands vigorously, as though she were shooing a chicken off the doorstep. And Tommy ran as swiftly and blindly as though his father were already in pursuit of him, not stopping until he reached the highway leading to the village. On he went, bareheaded and barefooted, his little black face glistening with tears, his only thought to get out of reach of his father's avenging hand, which he knew from experience could be very hard and cruel.

Tommy was very tired and hot when he reached the village. It was about four o'clock and the streets were filled with merry, mischievous school children

returning to their homes. He would be a fair butt for their ridicule if they saw him he knew; so when he saw the church door open, he slipped in and hid in one of the pews. It was cool and quiet in the church; Tommy was so tired he stretched his little black body on one of the softly cushioned seats and was soon asleep. By and by he was awakened by low, sweet tones of music, and by the sun pouring its rays through a stained glass window, illuminating the figure of a saint and bathing the pew in which the boy lay in many colors.

Dazed and bewildered by sleep, Tommy wondered if this was heaven. Surely this beautiful place was not earth, with its tears, long dusty roads and angry parents. Yes; he was sure it was heaven, for the angels were singing and Tommy lay and listened in rapture.

He dearly loved music and possessed a sweet, powerful voice, remarkable for one so young.

He wondered if God would let him sing, too. Rising, he rubbed the sleep from his eyes and, looking upward, saw a number of young folks in a gallery

above him. One man played the organ while the others sang. Sometimes they stopped and talked and laughed. Tommy listened in delight and even tried to join in one of the choruses.

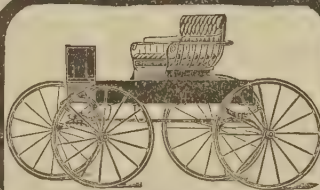
A hand laid upon his shoulder caused him to start and turn a pair of great frightened eyes upon a slender, clerical gentleman who was regarding him with kindly smile.

"How came you here, my little man?" inquired the minister, in a gentle voice.

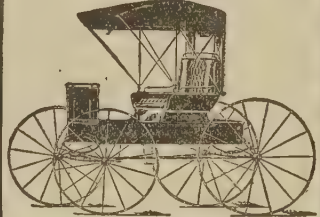
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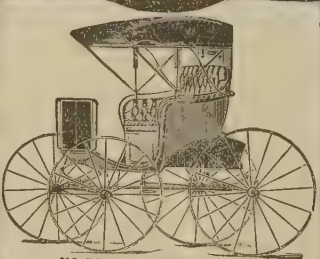
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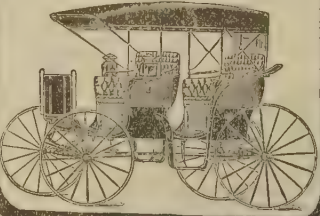
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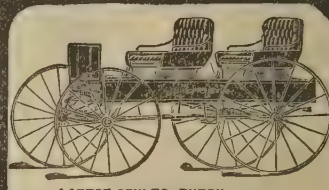
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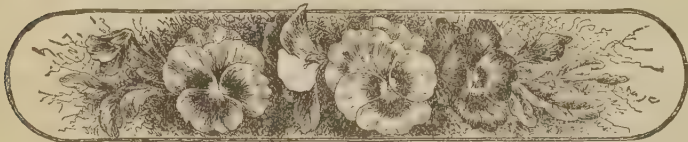
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During February and March I will accept new names of those who would appreciate the visits of regular or special installments of Travelling Heartsease Libraries. These contain a number of books and educate toward a broader outlook on life. The Special Libraries are for my dear little band of expectant mothers, who, tremblingly it may be, hope there is a better way, a way to endow a child for good before birth, and to suffer less pain themselves. In these libraries are inspiring books on spiritual themes full of comfort in dark days of isolation.

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All mothers who have any books of mine will please write very soon, giving description of condition, list, when received, etc. Some of you have never sent a letter of acknowledgement, though I know you meant to do so. A general movement of all Libraries and Special Books (saving a few expectant cases) is being arranged. Please assist me in my task.

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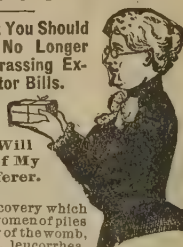
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This stylish princess dress is eminently simple, girlish and attractive, while it is so designed that there is nothing like severity found in its outlines. As illustrated it is made with the open square neck and elbow sleeves that are so well liked for dancing school, parties and the like, but the addition of yoke and cuffs makes it suited to afternoon wear. The season is singularly prolific of soft crushable materials and everything that can be shirred with success is appropriate. Light weight wools are greatly liked for girls from eight to fourteen but there are some simple silks and silk muslins which are always charming for the party frocks.

The dress consists of waist and skirt portions which are joined, invisibly at the shirrings, so giving the princess lines. The waist is made over a fitted lining which is faced to form the yoke when high neck is used and is trimmed with the shirred berth. The skirt is tucked above the frill, and shirred at its upper edges, the shirrings being arranged over a foundation yoke. The closing is made invisibly at the centre back.



5209 Breakfast Jacket.

Pattern No. 5209

The quantity of material required for the medium size (12 years) is 7 1/4 yards 21, 5 1/4 yards 27 or 3 3/4 yards 44 inches wide with 3/4 yards of all-over lace and 7 1/4 yards of lace edging to make as illustrated; 3 yards additional 21, 2 1/4 yards 27, or 1 1/4 yards 44 inches wide if berth and frill are of the material.

The pattern 5205 is cut in sizes for girls of 8, 10, 12, and 14 years of age.



5248 Girl's Apron.

Pattern No. 5248

For Active Little Girls.

The little girl who is active is apt to be the little girl who soils her frock and this apron will be found a most valuable possession for her. The material is a dotted percale but gingham, chambray and butcher's linen are all quite appropriate, the one essential being the ability to withstand hard usage. The apron is absolutely simple, being made with front and back and closed by means of buttons and button-holes. The sleeves are sufficiently large to draw on over the dress with ease and comfort and there are two patch pockets that are sure to be welcome to the young wearers. For a girl of twelve years of age will be required 5 1/4 yards of material 27 or 3 3/4 yards 36 inches wide.

Misses' Eton With Vest 5224.

The jaunty Eton coat is a favorite for the young girls as well as for the more mature women. Here is one of the prettiest and that includes a narrow vest, a wide collar and quite novel sleeves. It is an available model and can be utilized in various ways. The vest and cuffs appropriately could be of velvet, of silk embroidered in some simple design, of the richer Mandarin embroideries or of cloth braided or, indeed, of almost any contrasting material that makes a good effect while for the jacket itself all seasonable suitings are appropriate.

The Eton is made with the plain back, fronts that

are cut in two portions each and the vest. The vest is joined to the fronts and the closing made at the center while the neck edge is finished with the collar. The sleeves can be either long as illustrated, or cut off in three-quarter length and allow a choice of scalloped or plain cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (16 years) is 3 1/4 yards 27, 1 3/4 yards 44 or 1 1/4 yards 52 inches wide, with 1 yard of silk for vest and cuffs and 5/8 yards of banding.

The pattern 5224 is cut in sizes for girls of 14, 16 and 18 years of age.



Pattern No. 5205. Pattern Nos. 5224 and 5226.

Misses' Plaited Skirt 5226.

The plaited skirt is adapted to almost all seasonable materials and this pattern gives a box-plaited effect at the front that is always desirable. The plaits are turned backward and stitched in graduated lengths, giving the best possible effect to the figure while they fall in abundant and graceful folds below the stitchings. All suiting materials can be used for this model, also the lighter weight materials of in-door wear.

The skirt is cut in seven gores, the seams being concealed by the plaits, and is laid in deep inverted plaits at the centre back.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (14 years) is 6 1/4 yards 27, or 3 3/4 yards 44 or 52 inches wide.

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Bibs for Baby

BY R. E. MERRYMAN

Wherever there is a baby, bibs are among the necessities, and they are so easily made that there is no reasonable excuse for not having a good supply.

Pieces left from making white dresses and waists are pretty for this purpose. If not large enough, to cut a whole bib from them may be cut in sections and set together with insertion. Of course this would make the bib fancy for every-day use, but a few nice ones are needed for special occasions. The fine white material so much used for ladies' and children's under-clothes, and called "long cloth," is very nice for bibs, as it is soft and comfortable for little chins. A little fancy stitching on long cloth with linen floss, makes a very pretty bib ornamentation.

It is well to make some of the bibs thick, with about four thicknesses of cloth, and quilt them on the machine. These bibs described here are all easily washed and kept sweet by using warm water and Pearline for the suds, then scalding them well in boiling water and rinsing in several changes of water, to remove the suds. This work takes only a little while, if the supply runs short during the week, but it is best to have a lot of bibs ready and to put them in with the weekly washing.

Care should be taken to use only the best detergents when there are baby's clothes in the washing. Some of the cheap soaps cause chafing of tender baby skins, even when the bibs are reasonably well rinsed. Of course, it is always necessary to be careful to rinse out all of the suds, but many mothers depend upon hired help for their washing, it is best to use only Pearline for the suds, then, if there is any carelessness, there will be no unpleasant consequences for baby.

Sometimes when the child is teething, its dress can not be kept dry with the cotton bib, and one of rubber cloth becomes necessary. Do not leave the rubber cloth bare to fret the child, but make cotton covers and slip the rubber in at the neck, where the seam left open for it is concealed by a turn-over collar portion.




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Helps for Home Dressmakers

By May Manton

The second month of the new year is already at hand and before busy women have had time to realize that winter is past, spring will be upon us and with it the need for costumes of lighter weight and newer style. Happily, there are not to be any radical changes this season and with a little remodeling and adjustment it will be quite possible to use last year's gowns with perfect success. The favorite coats for the spring and the summer will be short, either the little jackets or the Etons that are so much easier to make at home than the tailored coats, and skirts for all street occasions will clear the ground. There are some variations of the circular skirt that are well liked, but plaited ones will retain favor

in every way to be desired. This one has sleeves of a sort that mark the season, made with deep cuffs.

The season is a singularly prolific one in the matter of skirts. A great many sorts are shown and a great many sorts are equally fashionable, but there are, nevertheless, certain characteristics which must exist if the effect is to be up-to-date and correct. There must be no fullness over the hips and there must be abundant flare about the feet. No. 5200 is an exceptionally good model for many reasons and a notable favorite, in addition to which it is by no means difficult to make and, consequently, is quite sure to appeal to the home dressmaker.



5242 Work Apron, 32 to 42 bust.

The upper portion is gored, and fits snugly



5236 Tucked Blouse Waist, 32 to 42 bust.

and are a bit easier for the home dressmaker to handle, a circular models require extreme care in the cutting and fitting and, even then, often will sag objectionably. Sleeves are to be moderately full and for the dressy costumes will be in three-quarter length for the street, in elbow length for the house. For the simpler street costumes they will be in coat style, extending to the wrists, while for the simpler waists they will be moderate puffs to the elbows, with fitted cuffs below or made in "leg-o-mutton" style. Inasmuch as the tendency is to put less material in than last year, it is quite possible to remodel those of the season past and to give a thoroughly up-to-date effect to the gown or the waist.

What are known as the finer, or lingerie, shirt waists are exceedingly attractive and fill so many uses that several should be included in each wardrobe. The model 5236 is among the latest and is absolutely simple at the same time that it is quite dressy in effect. Lawn, batiste and all similar materials are appropriate and the model is also a pretty one for the thin China and Habutai silks, which are so much used and which serve so many occasions admirably well. The entire front is tucked in narrow tucks, some of which are allowed to extend to the waist line, so giving an exceedingly novel and attractive effect. The back, however, is tucked in groups that extend from shoulder to belt and give a tapering effect to the figure; the closing is made invisibly. The sleeves are in the latest style and can either be tucked above the cuffs as in the illustration, or simply gathered as may be like d.

5218 Tucked Shirt Waist, 32 to 40 bust.



Yoke effects suit some figures far better than waists that are made without. Such a model as this one, 5218, is particularly desirable for the heavier cotton waistings which can be worn in the early season and which are so thoroughly serviceable as well as fashionable. This year there are the usual cotton chevrons and linen materials, with some additional new weaves, such as the linen poplin, which suit the model admirably well, while again, Madras is quite heavy enough. Some of the new weaves of French gingham are well suited for the purpose, and are shown in some really beautiful colors and designs. White continues to be the smartest of all things for the dressy waists, but serviceable ones are also in demand, and for these the pretty new checked French ginghams are



5200 Five Gored Skirt, 22 to 30 waist.

and is laid in inverted plaits at the back; and the kilted flounce is joined to the lower edge. All the lighter weight suiting materials are appropriate for it; the skirt also is an attractive one for serge, cashmere, henrietta, and the like, for indoor wear. When liked it can be trimmed with braiding on the flounce and above the seam.

No matter what the season, the busy woman is sure to find need for a work apron, and, while she may have a great many, such a model as this one, No. 5242, is sure to find its place. It is so simple that the least possible labor is involved in the making, yet it is absolutely attractive, covering the sleeves as well as the waist and skirt. In the illustration it is made only to the hem of the skirt but it can be cut a little longer if preferred, so completely covering the gown. It is loose, ample, can easily be slipped on and is supplied with two patch-pockets, which are a great comfort. There are just a plain front and two plain backs, which are shaped by means of shoulder and under-arm seams.

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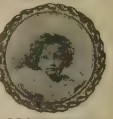
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How to appear best at the least possible expense is a problem that many a woman is studying out for herself today. The world respects such a woman much more than the one who is continually running in debt for flimsy, extravagant finery, and the former is usually much the better dressed. Some hints upon dressing well on small means, given by various women who have studied and practiced the art successfully, will doubtless be acceptable to readers of Vick's Magazine.

About Gloves.

There is no real economy in buying cheap gloves, and the woman who is truly economical seeks not only to make her gloves last longer, but to preserve their creditable appearance as well, and often a little work will make them look like new.

One should take plenty of time in putting on new gloves, in order to avoid twisting the fingers and the outer seam, and great care should be used in taking them off. They should be removed by turning them back over the fingers until they can be drawn off easily; then they should be pulled into shape and laid in a box of a proper size to receive them.

In mending gloves, cotton thread should be used, and thread to match the colors should be kept so that a glove can be mended as soon as a small break appears.

Kid gloves may be cleaned by washing and rinsing in gasoline. One way is to wash and dry them on the hands; another way is to pour gasoline into a bowl and rub the gloves in it between the hands,

rinsing in clear gasoline and drying in the air. White kid gloves may be cleaned by rubbing them with powdered pipe clay or naphtha, and they may be dyed a delicate shade of light brown by dipping them in strong coffee.

Old silk and woolen gloves can be used to mend others, sometimes putting in a whole new thumb.

Ribbons.

I know a lady with a very slender purse whose ribbons for the neck and belt are always dainty and fresh, and yet she informed me one day that they are washed many times before they are discarded. And this is the way she does it:

Upon a flat, clean board—great stress is laid upon the word clean—she fastens her ribbon tightly. She then mixes half a teaspoonful of ammonia with half a cupful of water and a little soap. She dips a piece of white cloth in this mixture, and sops the ribbon lengthwise, wringing the cloth often. She continues this process until the dirt is absorbed from that side of the ribbon; then she turns it and washes the other side in the same way.

When all the dirt has been extracted the ribbon is left to dry upon the board. It then may be placed between two pieces of thin paper and pressed with an iron; but often the pressing will not be found necessary. The better the quality of the ribbon the easier it will be to cleanse.

Many people use gasoline for cleaning ribbons, but it is likely to leave a yellow tinge. Another good way to clean ribbons of all kinds, also white or yellow

chamois or castor gloves, is to prepare a suds of pearline and warm, soft water, and rub the pieces between the hands. Rinse in clear warm water; then smooth out all wrinkles with a damp cloth and press on the wrong side over a piece of thin muslin. If the ribbon is black, iron over a piece of black cambric.

When the ribbons are perfectly smooth and dry, wind them over a roller to avoid creases, and they will wear longer and look far daintier than when they are folded and laid away in a box.

Underwear.

Never throw away your old stockings when you think them past darning. Cut them over, using the legs of two pairs to make one. Stitch closely at narrow seams; then fasten them open flat by cat-stitching. You think seams will hurt your feet, but you will find they will not. Oh, there are many things we can do if we only think so!

When your black or colored dress skirts become worn and shabby about the bottom, make petticoats of them. There is no need to buy petticoats. Use what you have and save the buying.

Cotton dress skirts make first-rate work aprons, and if not faded, shirt waists.

If your under flannels have shrunk, open the seam under the arm and set in a piece from the armhole down to the bottom, making one good vest out of two useless ones. Worn-out flannels make good floor-cloths and window cloths. Cut out the good bits from flannel skirts to use in mending, or in sickness, or for making bags (most useful in damp houses) for slipping over flat-irons, knives or silver, when not in use.

The Small Accessories of Dress.

Some of us who have not long purses can, with needle and embroidery silk and a certain amount of patience and per-

severance, possess all the pretty delicacies of the toilet that we are apt to envy on the costumes of our richer sisters. What is more, we can have for a few pennies what they think nothing of spending dollars for, besides the satisfaction of knowing that these pretty things are the work of our own hands. A few bright silks and a little skill will make stockings as dainty as French embroidered hosiery.

If we expect to pass as well dressed in the world of fashion, it is essential to look most carefully after the lesser details of dress. As a rule, our gloves, veils, boots, etc., get attention enough, but we do not think of such trivial matters as stockings. This is a most natural mistake. Before sallying out for shopping or calling the mirror shows us our complete costume, to all appearance faultless. Is it so faultless when we pick up our skirts to cross the roads? Too often some one might see an objectionable hole peeping above the trim shoe, which, with a few stitches, might have been drawn together before starting out. Or it might be seen that the stocking has slipped from the supporter, and is lying in clumsy wrinkles around the otherwise slender and shapely ankle.

These are small matters, but "many a mickle makes a muckle," and, as the breakfast-table professor remarked, "Life is a great bundle of little things." A woman cannot be too careful of the small details of her toilet if she wishes to be really well dressed.

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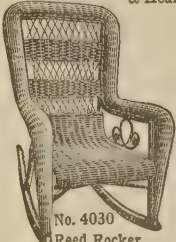
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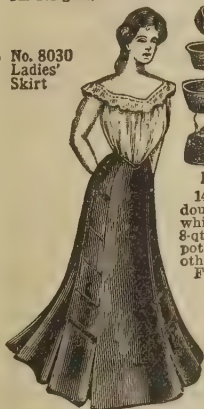
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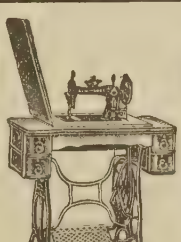
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By Catherine Walter

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Although in this latitude of the eastern states, February is still in the lap of winter, it is not so in the dear old country from which some of us originally came. In the south of England as you walk along the country lanes at the end of February, although the weather is still raw and chilly, you will see little hedge violets begin to peep up through the damp earth, and presently the liverwort and wood anemones will make little bright patches along woodland ways. Next come the pretty pale yellow primroses, with dark green leaves, springing up all over the woods, and followed by a procession of cowslips, blue wild hyacinths, daffodils, kingcups, and many other wild beauties.

And, in England, almost all these flowers are fragrant, with a tender, delicate fragrance that no lover of flowers can ever forget. It seems a kind of compensation that quiet, modest little flowers which love to dwell in quiet byways should be loved as much for their qualities as for their dainty beauty. And so with song-birds. The sweetest singers are the little brown thrush, the nightingale and the English blackbird, whilst the gaudy jay, the parrot, and other birds of brilliant plumage have either no song, or only harsh discordant notes in their voices.

Is it not often the same with human character? The loud, noisy, aggressive person may succeed from a worldly point of view, but the quiet, silent influence of a beautiful life leaves a more lasting remembrance in the hearts and minds of those who are fortunate enough to be able to appreciate its silent lesson.

As an old writer, George Herbert, says,

"Not the actions of the just
 Smell sweet and blossom in the dust."

Character is the key-note of immortality, and, like the flowers, no matter what our station in life, we can make others glad by the very fact of our existence, or, we can sadden their lives by coldness, neglect, unkindness, and various other discordant tones. This silent influence of character is worth cultivating,—not by women alone, but by men also. What is life worth if we do not make happy our fellow-creatures, including besides people, horses, dogs, cats,—everything that comes within the radius of our lives. The kinder we are to everyone, the happier we shall be ourselves, and it is just as easy to cultivate the habit of being kind as that of being unkind.

"He prayeth best, who loveth best
 All things both great and small;
 For the dear God, who loveth us,
 He made and loveth all."

Answer to Quarrelsomeness.

Quarrelsomeness—I can sympathize with you in the little worries and annoyances you mention. It is not the great trials that are hardest to endure, oftentimes, for we gather up all our strength and courage to meet them, but the little everyday annoyances that sting like fleabites. The person to whom you refer, and most of us have such people among our acquaintances, has probably a very nervous organization. Anything that would affect the tone of his nervous system, such as late hours, improper food or drink, etc., would tend to make him irritable, and quarrelsome, and "hard to get along with." These persons are their own worst enemies, and are really to be pitied for they think everyone is trying to annoy them, when, in fact, they are making themselves disagreeable.

The only way for you to do is to try and remember that frequent ill humor is really owing to some irritation of the nerves, and to have unlimited patience, as you would with a sick person. Of course, people may be humored until they become unlearnable, and then it

sometimes has a good effect if you stand up for yourself; it acts as a shock and makes them think. But do not quarrel; it does no good, and may cause lasting harm. Try and not let little outside things interfere with your true life, and by degrees you will find that you can be singing in your own soul, even though everything does not go just the way you wished at first. If people see you are happy and not easily provoked, they may improve, themselves, through your silent influence.

What About Housework?

Dear Mrs. Walter:—What is your opinion about housework? My mother tells me that when she was a girl nobody would have thought of asking such a question. The work had to be done, and somebody had to do it, and that was all there was to it. But it seems to me that girls nowadays must be tired, or lazy, or something, for very few that I know care to do it, though some of us have to. Too high-toned, my mother says. What do you say?—Housework.

Housework:—I think your mother is partly right. Girls have so many advantages now that they are apt to despise good, wholesome work, and also they sit still so much in school that their muscles grow weak, and many of them are really not fit to work as in the olden days when the home was the center of everything, and everyone worked to keep things together. Girls, especially, educate their minds at the expense of their muscles and I think it is rather a pity. If their education amounted to anything, so that they could live without housework, I would say, let the housework go, if it takes up time that could be better employed. But do not despise it, for one occupation is just as honorable as another, if well and faithfully performed.

"And the Great Maker said,—I see
 No best in kind, but in degree."

If your mother needs help in her house, and cannot afford to keep help, I should have a very poor opinion of you if you did not turn in and help her. But I am sure you would not give me reason for that.

From "Ugly Duckling."

Dear Mrs. Walter:—I suppose you will think I am very small-minded when I tell you what is worrying me.

I have a very pretty sister, and she gets all the attention. It makes her conceited, and she slight me because I am not pretty and attractive as she is. My parents, also, are very proud of her, and it makes me unhappy to think I am a kind of ugly duckling. What can I do to make me feel happier?—U. D.

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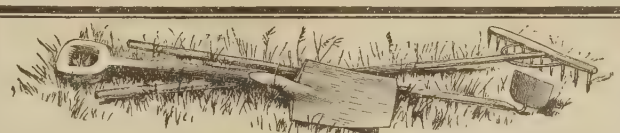
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Plan also to make the rows as long as possible. This saves time in cultivating even with hand cultivators and is doubly true when cultivating with a horse. I know it is the generally accepted theory, and generally true, I think, that crops will do better planted in squares than when the same number of plants are set in a long single row. This advantage can be gained and the long rows still maintained by planting different sorts of vegetables end to end. These points are worth some study, as it should be the aim to make every foot of ground available and, if possible, keep it busy the entire season.

Some consideration should also be given to the appearance of the vegetable garden. Straight rows well filled with plants near the same height can be contrived by planting according to habit of growth with the lower growing crops perhaps, at the front of the garden, and grading according to height as we go backward towards the rear. This, I admit, is not always practicable, neither is it always possible; but when it can be done without sacrificing other important points, it always pays to do it, for we ought in this work to study the beautiful as well as the practical side.

What Shall We Grow?

Our personal surroundings must to a great extent determine this matter. If the garden be but a small plot of ground where but few things can be grown then let the vegetables be those we like best; as, generally speaking, those we like best will receive better attention than those for which we care little. Then, too, they should be those sorts that require but little individual room. For instance, it is hardly wise, with only a small space, to cumber it with wide spreading crops as corn, squashes or pumpkins. For such plots, grow the salads: beets, carrots, beans, dwarf varieties of peas, etc. In short, whatever you can grow most of, that you relish most. In the larger gardens, where a full supply can be grown, there we may indulge our fancies and appetites as well and if a surplus be grown, let it be of those sorts that may be most easily converted into cash. For this more fortunate class of growers we say study your markets and their demands, then as far as possible let the surplus be in those varieties that have most ready sale; and bear in mind that earliness is almost invariably a potent factor in the matter of profit.

Testing Seeds.

It is a good time now to test the vitality of seeds, and determine as to their value for planting or sowing. Poor seed is one of the most vexatious things with which we have to contend and the tests are so easily made that it is not worth our while to plant by guess.

If we have or can procure the saucers of flower pots, they are most convenient for testing purposes. Take two of them together, with water in the lower one, scatter the seeds on the upper one and cover with a cloth. The water will percolate, or soak through, the upper one sufficiently to supply the needed moisture. Lacking these, use pans or tins of any description, putting in good soil and spreading a thin cloth over it upon which the seeds may be scattered. Cover the seeds with the cloth also, and a thin

layer of soil, and keep well moistened. They should be set in a warm place; as the furnace-room, warming-oven, or wherever they can be kept at as even a temperature as possible. The seeds of course, should be counted in order to know just what per cent germinates. If these conditions will show sixty to seventy-five per cent of germination they will be sure to give a much better rate when planted in the open ground. It is but little trouble to make these tests and sometimes we may avoid the loss of an entire crop. The appearance of seed is at best a poor standard by which to determine their vitality, as often times we will be entirely misled. So to make sure by actual test is the safe way.

Hotbeds.

The most convenient size of sash for hotbeds is five feet, six inches, by three feet, two inches. Such sashes will require four rows of 8x10 glass, 6 1/2 panes to the row, or twenty-six in all and about four pounds of putty.

Before glazing, the sash should be primed with white lead and oil, about one pound of lead to the quart of oil; or, better still, the lead mixed with equal bulk of yellow ochre. For this coat, paint thoroughly but thinly as it is the oil rather than the lead that is required for the priming.

In laying the glass, begin at the level end of the sash, lapping the first frame fully a half inch or more upon the level sash rail. Lay the glass crowning side up, and lap each glass a quarter inch, or a little less. Tack firmly in place with zinc glazier's points, or preferably, small brads. The putty should be applied as soft as possible, as, when once set, it will adhere much better than if too hard. When the putty is set the sashes should be painted with two coats more, and the lead and ochre should be four to five times the proportion of the priming coat. The cost of these sashes at present high prices will be, approximately, two dollars, ready for use, exclusive of labor of painting and glazing. This, however, may be done by anyone who will follow the above directions. Four sashes of above size will cover a box twelve feet, eight inches long, by five feet, six inches wide, and its capabilities will be a revelation to the uninitiated.

The higher side of the bed should be eighteen inches in height, and the lower side twelve inches, giving six inches slant. Each side should have three 2x4 posts, cut four inches longer than the height of the respective sides, and the tops of the posts should be cut the same slant as the top of the bed. With the side boards nailed to the top of the posts, the bed, when completed and set up, will be four inches above the ground, which permits the posts to be settled into the ground somewhat, giving more space for manure, and economizing in lumber. A board twelve inches wide by five feet, six inches in length, sawed cornerwise from end to end, will make the slanting end pieces and the remainder of the ends may be filled in with any convenient width of boards. Three cross pieces one inch by three should be used for the sash supports, and should be let into the side board even with the top and at such distance apart that the edges of two sashes will rest on the support. Nail a strip of board on the outside of the lower side of the bed, letting it extend an inch above the top of the bed, which will hold the sash squarely in place and prevent their slipping down.

Cold frames are made in the same way as hotbeds, simply using soil in the inside and banking with soil or manure on the outside. For winter or early spring use, straw mats or closely fitting boards, should be used for covering the beds where there is danger of freezing.

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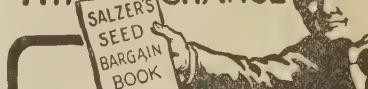
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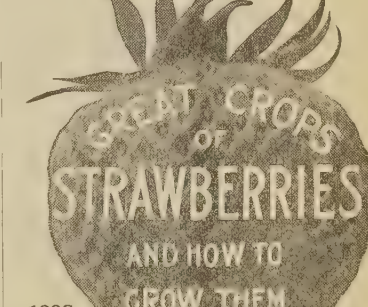
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In the Garden

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Get this part of the work completed in order to be ready on time. In the March number general directions for filling, sowing and handling the hotbed will be given.

February Among the Vines and Berry Bushes.

Our red raspberries gave a heavy growth of canes last year. For two reasons we did not cutting back, or thinning out, last fall,—but left that work for the early spring. In the first place, we hope to make sale for a good many plants in the early spring, and so thought it best to leave the rows unmolested. Thus we hope to turn something to the cash account, and, at the same time give the rows, now very thick, the proper narrowing and thinning for next season's crop of berries. Another reason for leaving them was that, in this locality, the canes sometimes freeze back to some extent, and, when this happens, spring pruning becomes necessary, even if much has been done in autumn.

This may be considered poor practice by some people, but it seems to be the best for our conditions. We are strong advocates of the hill culture, but the row system was in vogue when we came here; and, as yet, we have not thought it wise to change the old plantings. So we continue the old grounds as they are and make change of arrangement only in new plantations.

Our red raspberries are on heavy clay soil and the extremely wet weather of last season prevented thorough culture, with the result that the grass got the start of us in some portions of the plantation. At present we are trying to get even with it by heavy dressings of ashes. They are mixed wood and coal ashes and we believe they will not only assist in keeping the grass down, but will also fertilize and mellow the soil. As fast as they accumulate they are carried out and spread thickly along the rows; this saves the trouble of storing.

The greater part of the coal ashes are made to do double duty. They are first carried to the henhouse to be picked over by the hens. It is wonderful how much is consumed by fowls! These coal ashes are not mixed with the wood ashes, as, after going through the henhouse, they contain a considerable portion of hen manure. So we spread the two sorts separately.

Late in March, or in early April, we hope to mulch heavily with manure around the raspberry canes, and this, with thorough culture between the rows, will, we believe, keep the ground in fair shape.

Spraying.

It is yet early to talk of this, but if we begin thinking of it early, we will be less liable to neglect it when the proper time does come. I am speaking now of the first spraying, which should be done while the canes, vines or bushes are still dormant. This spraying is done with copper sulphate, often called blue vitriol,

or bluestone. Four pounds to fifty gallons of water is sufficiently strong, and is best prepared by putting the sulphate in a small sack of coarse, thin cloth, and suspending over night, or for a few hours, in eight or ten gallons of water. When fully dissolved, dilute to fifty gallons and the mixture is ready for use. It should be handled in wooden vessels entirely; and never be prepared in metal receptacles of any kind. This mixture is used only while the vines or bushes are dormant, and never after growth has started. The spraying should be thoroughly done; and, of course, the longer before a storm the better.

It is thought by some good authorities that this first spraying, if well done, is more helpful in fungous diseases than the after sprayings with the Bordeaux mixture. For grapes, not only the vines, but the posts, wires and also the ground around the vines ought to be sprayed. This is said to be especially helpful in preventing the black rot. We would not advise discarding the Bordeaux, but rather urge its use at intervals longer or shorter, owing to the weather. This last mixture can be used any time after growth starts.

Mulching.

Last season, some of our black raspberries stood in quite heavy sod, and, being in a pear orchard, very little could be accomplished through cultivation, so we resorted to mulching. Both grass and weeds grow rank here if allowed to, for the soil, though heavy, is naturally very strong. They both had a good hold among the canes, and hand work with the hoe would have been very laborious. We began mulching them in April with rakings from the yard, weeds, coarse litter and any and everything we could get hold of. We killed the grass and weeds so that in the fall the ground along the rows was clean; and the berries at picking time were extremely large. This, of course, is hardly possible in large areas, but for garden culture, or wherever the patches are not so large but that it can be done, in my judgment, it is the ideal culture. I like not only to mulch around the canes but also between the rows, and the heavier the covering is, the better I like it.

Pruning.

Those of us who by any chance failed to get the grapes pruned in autumn, can do this work now, or any time up to the starting of the sap. I say any time, but by all means it ought not to be delayed a single day longer than is absolutely necessary. Delays are dangerous, as a warm spell such as we sometimes have in March might set the sap to flowing and then it will be too late. My advice is to get pruning done now as soon as possible.

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NOTE.—We will be glad to have our readers ask any questions on perplexing subjects. Those of general interest will be answered in these columns. Address questions to V. M. COUCH, Moravia, N. Y.

Hatching Notes.

When you have started the incubator you have begun to raise chickens,—in the shell,—and during the twenty-one days of incubation you should give them the same careful attention that they receive after they are out of the shell. By your treatment of the eggs you can make a strong, hardy chick or a weakly one, "provided that the eggs are from good healthy stock.

There is a difference of opinion about cooling the eggs, when artificially incubated. Some are of the opinion that it does more harm than good, and that it is better to return the eggs at once to the hatcher after turning them. Others claim that it is better to begin cooling them on the fourth and fifth day a little, and gradually more afterwards, but never below eighty-five degrees. I have had best results when I cooled the eggs, in getting strong chicks and in a small per cent of cripples.

A chick is more likely to be injured in helping it out of the shell than a duckling. As a rule, a chick that cannot get out alone is not worth saving, but if the machine is in a warm room, say seventy-five degrees or over, I always keep watch for the weaklings and any that are found in an unnatural position, that cannot help themselves or that have an empty shell slipped over the egg, about to hatch, I help by opening the door quickly and straightening them out.

A temperature of 104 to 105 degrees is right when the eggs are hatching.

Breeding and Feeding.

The way to build up an egg-laying flock is to breed from the best layers, mated to some of the great layers, and at the same time to feed for eggs. This plan agrees with the well known laws of heredity. But by the best layers I do not mean hens that have been forced to lay when pullets by feeding stimulants and in this way crowded to the limit. No such stock is suitable for breeding purposes, the result would be infertile eggs; and eggs not sufficiently stocked with nourishment, to support the germ,—poorly hatched, short-lived chicks, and, consequently, weak, deteriorated stock. Feeding to make good breeders and feeding for eggs are two different objects. It pays to give such food as will make bone and muscle for good breeders. For this purpose nothing is better than oats, and exercise for breeders is just as important as the food they eat. Fowls that eat their breakfast, then stand around waiting for the next meal never produce many eggs and are very poor breeders. The scratching pen should contain plenty of loose, dry material, such as straw, chaff, and litter from the haymow, in which the grain can be buried deeply, so as to insure plenty of exercise in scratching it out. This work should take more than half of their time during the day. We all want to make as much as possible out of our poultry and, in order to do this, all the little details must be looked after; but, first of all, if a good egg-producing strain is expected, we must feed and breed for it from the start.

After some experiments in hatching the eggs laid by different hens, the following result is claimed by an eastern poultryman: Eggs from the abnormally fat hen seldom hatch; the chicks in such eggs usually die on or about the twelfth day of incubation. The eggs laid by the most active and healthy hens generally hatch first. Invariably the eggs from the dull, lazy hen hatch late. Among twenty-three hens whose eggs were tested, two were found to be sterile. Both of those hens lay large, nice-shaped eggs, but a dozen of their eggs have been tried and not a sign of a germ is in them. They have been mated to different males but with the same results in each instance.

Causes of Infertile Eggs.

At this season a good many are puzzled to know why there are so many infertile eggs. There are a number of reasons for this. One principal cause is that the breeders are overfat; another is lack of exercise, and too little exercise is a main cause of their being too fat, therefore the remedy is to feed and care for the hens in such a way as to keep them hustling and active.

Where the house is small and the flock quite large I would build a scratching shed on each end of the house, and on the north side, also, if I could get good light. If the location is dry, I would put a load of gravel for the floor; but if at all wet, a board floor is the thing, and should be raised four to six inches from the ground. If the hen-house is not located so that a shed can be built on it conveniently, then clear away the snow as often as possible on some protected spot and put some straw down to scatter the feed in. Barley, buckwheat, wheat and oats are good scratching grains. Too much corn for laying hens is not the thing, neither is mash food right along, but it is good occasionally for a change, say two or three times a week.

A supply of good, hard, sharp grit before the hens all the time is much needed, and goes farther towards making well fertilized eggs than is generally supposed. A hen or rooster cannot keep in first-class condition without grit, and if they are not in good condition they will not be likely to produce a very large per cent of fertile eggs. Lack of grit, oyster shells and some fresh bone and meat often lead the fowls to bad habits, such as egg-eating, feather-pulling, etc.

Another important thing in getting well fertilized eggs is to have a well matured and vigorous male bird. Besides being a good, strong, active fellow, he must be in good condition, otherwise the best results cannot be expected. I find it a good plan to feed the male bird a little extra food. Ordinarily the male loses much time calling the hens to eat and will not get what he requires unless looked after a little. I prefer an early and well matured cockerel to a cock for early chickens, but unless he is well grown and thrifty, I would use an old bird.

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For best results in breeding how many hens do you mate to one male bird, and what breed?

For best results I mate one male to about fifteen females. Keep Leghorns.—J. M., Pa.

In breeding Leghorns this season we have three cockerels with fifty-five hens and pullets.—S. T.

To get good strong chicks and well-fertilized eggs I would not put more than one rooster to twelve or fifteen hens of any breed.—J. L. G., Ia.

We usually mate about one male to twelve females (Barred Plymouth Rocks) for breeding purposes. I have used three males with a flock of fifty on free range, giving each male two day's freedom and a day shut in; but this was for market and laying stock.—Mrs. E. M. C., Ill.

Thirty hens to one male bird. White Leghorns.—J. G. W., N. Y.

My experience is that when, yarded and kept for breeding purposes, from six to eight hens, of the Leghorn class, are sufficient for one male, and from four to six of the larger kinds. I have found that the fertility of the eggs from fowls confined in pens is very uncertain, especially if they are kept penned without change of male bird.—W. H. C., Conn.

Last year I mated one to three and one to ten of Rhode Island Reds and Barred Plymouth Rocks. I found very little, if any, difference in the fertility of the eggs. I have always made it a rule to mate of the small breeds one male to twelve or fourteen females; of medium-sized breeds, like Plymouth Rocks, one to ten; and of the heavy weights, as Brahmas, one to six or eight. As to the fertility of the eggs, a good deal depends on the male and whether his attentions are well distributed. I have had quite well-fertilized eggs and very good chicks when I mated thirty hens to one male; but the chicks from such matings are not apt to be very strong. Sometimes when there are too few hens with a male, he worries them. In this case I would put in two or three more of any breed that lay different colored eggs, so that I could tell them apart. In being guided by the above rule, I would use less females rather than more, especially for early hatching.—V. M. C.

For Early Hatching how long do you keep the eggs before incubating them? At what temperature and where do you keep them, and do you turn them frequently, or not at all?

Never have any fixed time, but not over two weeks. Store them in room adjoining living room. At temperature of forty-five or fifty degrees, and turn them twice a week, or every two or three days.—J. M., Pa.

Set them as soon as possible after they are laid, not keeping them more than two weeks. Keep in cellar-way; temperature fifty degrees; turn every other day.—S. T.

I have to keep them longer at this time of year than I like to, because I have only a few hens and can't get enough, for setting quickly. Sometimes keep them three weeks, in living room, where they will not freeze, and turn them every three or four days.—J. L. G., Ia.

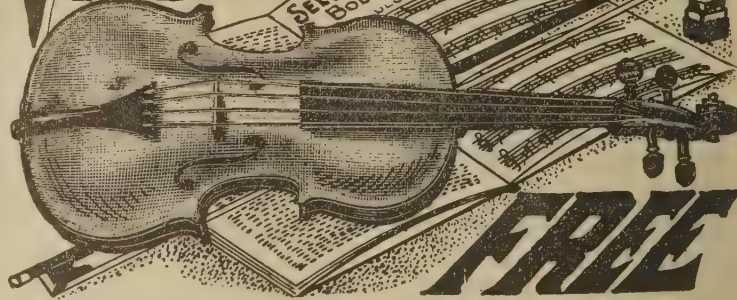
The fresher the eggs the better. We sometimes keep them two weeks. At temperature of from forty to fifty degrees. We aim to turn them once or twice a week.—J. G. W., N. Y.

For hatching this time of year we set eggs right away, in three or four days. Keep in side room at fifty degrees or a little over. We don't turn them at all.—Mrs. E. M. C., Ill.

Keep them about ten days, not longer, if we can get enough eggs in this time. Prefer to get them incubating in three or four days. I keep them in any dry room where it neither freezes nor gets very warm. Sometimes turn them, again not; do not think it makes any difference whether they are turned or not.—W. H. C., Conn.

For hatching at this season, either with hens or in an incubator, I like to have the eggs as fresh as possible. They are not likely to be as well fertilized, nor to

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produce as strong chicks, now as a month later, so it is best to use every care in selecting and handling them. I would set eggs two weeks old now, if I could not do better, provided they come from good, thrifty stock and had been properly kept. But I make it a point to set them when a week or ten days old. Eggs that have been kept more than two weeks will not, as a rule, bring out as strong and vigorous chicks as those that have not been kept so long. The fresher the better. I aim to keep them at a temperature of forty-five to fifty-five degrees and in any place that is dry and of uniform temperature. I have turned some of the eggs held for hatching two or three times a week, others not at all, and I could see no difference in the results when I tested, or at hatching time. Our best authority says they do not need to be turned, nor is it necessary to keep them in any particular position.—V. M. C.

What per cent. of fertile eggs have you been able to get, say in February, and what per cent. of chicks have you hatched and raised from these fertile eggs?

Last year eighty per cent. of the eggs for early hatches were fertile; seventy-five per cent. of the fertile ones hatched and I raised seventy to eighty per cent. of these.—W. H. C., Conn.

We kept no record last year of the per cent. of infertile, or of those hatched.—S. T.

I use a 220-egg incubator and the first run last year tested out forty-two eggs and hatched 151 chicks, of which I lost eighteen.—J. L. G., Ia.

I don't save eggs for hatching until after March 1st. Get eighty per cent. fertile and hatch and raise eighty to ninety per cent.—J. M., Pa.

Last spring not over seventy per cent. of the eggs were fertile among the early ones. Hatched about sixty per cent. and raised about two-thirds of these.—Mrs. E. M. C., Ill.

I have been able to get as high as eighty-five per cent. fertile eggs in February, but, as a rule, they fall short of this by ten to twenty per cent. Generally the per cent. hatched and raised has been larger than the per cent. of fertile obtained at this season. I have hatched, on an average, eighty-five to ninety per cent. of the fertile eggs, and raised about this per cent. of the chicks. But, unless one has first-class facilities for hatching and taking care of the chicks, I would not advise starting this work before March, except in mild climates.—V. M. C.

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What do you feed, and how do you care for chickens until four weeks old?

At what temperature do you run the brooder for first two weeks?

Are hen-raised chicks superior in any way to those produced artificially?

To get well fertilized eggs and strong chicks what do you find the most important thing to do in the feeding and management of the breeding stock?

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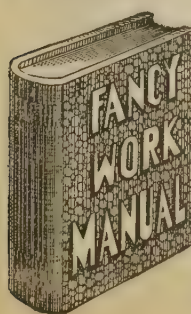
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AFFAIRS AT HOME

Miss Alice Roosevelt's Marriage this month to Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, is naturally a theme of first importance to American people. An influential daily wailingly says that 'tis bad enough to have sweet Alice marry anyone, but to lose her in pork-packing Cincinnati is the limit! Most of us believe, however that the daughter of our President has chosen her mate as wisely as she does everything else. Miss Roosevelt is twenty-two years old and the only child of the President's first wife. Mr. Longworth is thirty-eight years old, a lawyer with a lucrative practice, and a fortune estimated among the millions, and congressman from the First Ohio district. The courtship has ripened through four years, and over many thousand miles, as Mr. Longworth was also of the Taft party which visited the Philippines, Japan, and other points in the East. The marriage will take place at the White House on February 15. We can congratulate ourselves, at least, on keeping Miss Alice at home. She has had the good taste to marry a worthy American instead of a titled foreigner.

The Proposed "Alice Roosevelt Wedding Fund," of eastern Oregon, is a matter of much laughing comment, but in spite of the President's discouraging remarks, the Oregonians seem very much in earnest. This wedding fund has a hoped-for total of about one million dollars. "Incredible! Impossible! Unnecessary! But how pleasantly fantastic!" remarks a great weekly.

The Morris Affair at the White House the other day is being very unduly and very unpleasantly agitated by Southern senators. Mrs. Morris, it will be remembered, was "the American mother," who demanded an audience of President Roosevelt concerning her husband's dismissal from a government position and, on being denied it, was borne away screaming and protesting. The President quietly ignored the incident, and was severely criticised for it in Congress. His friends sustain his action as warmly. "If the flower of Southern chivalry will attend to 'the American mothers' who go yawping around the White House, said one, the rest of us will look after the better sort who stay at home and darn the socks and spank the babies."

The American Heiress.—Apropos of the coming valentine season we suppose a New York weekly recently published the experiences of a Roman nobleman who advertised in the New York and Chicago papers for the hand of an American heiress. Thus far, he reports 254 replies, over which he appears to be having a great deal of amusement, and which he shares with the general public. Several aspirants to titled honors have asked whether in view of the prospective husband's title, they would be invited, father and mother included, to attend all the balls and dinners given by the King and Queen of Italy! It occurs to us that the "noble Roman" is probably not having the best of this valentine fun all on

his side of the ocean. Think what a lark the merry, mischievous American girl, who does sometimes forget her dignity, might make of this episode! When the crucial test of selection comes the Roman will probably find that what he mistook for serious snobbishness was only girlish fun at his expense.

The Plain American Woman.—All the nations do not think so lightly of the American woman, as the recent glowing tribute in Blackwood's Magazine will bear witness: "Even if Americans were inclined to be lax in their morals, the American woman is there to brace them up. She continues to be what she has always been,—a great moral power, one of the sheet anchors of the country in every moral crisis, and her influence is again making itself felt today. There are many varieties of good women in the world; some passive and others active; some subjective and others aggressive. The good American woman is the most aggressive of her sex. She exercises the strictest discipline over her family; she has the most decided opinions on social questions.

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Where Her Influence is Felt.—Just now the American woman is girding on her armor for personal conflict. It may be great and glorious to brace up the American man, but a bit of the fight on her own hook is very exhilarating now and then. She is using both tongue and pen and all her "club" organizations in the interests of pure food laws, temperance questions and the suppression of football and hazing. We say frankly that we do not believe in women's clubs; but, since they are here, by all means let them be used for such ends as these!

Woman's Stature Increasing.—"The American woman groweth taller," says the New York World, "averaging five feet, six inches instead of five feet, five, as formerly." This elevation, that worthy contemporary further says, has been attained by steadfastly wanting to be taller and by studying Gibson's pictures. Our men, on the contrary, seem to be dwindling in stature. The girls, it would appear, gain on the boys after the age of fifteen. It is suggested that nature is busy working out the type of man that is best suited to American business life,—that just now she is experimenting with an undersized, carefully toughened sample in this line. What is trusted to keep the development of woman from too far outrunning the development of man is "the propensity of tall, handsome girls to marry short, wiry, successful men. Half the brides nowadays, they tell us, are taller than their mates."

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VICK'S MAGAZINE FOR MARCH.

Appreciation always acts as a stimulus and helps us to do our best work. The recent improvements made in Vick's Magazine have been so well and substantially appreciated that we have planned an unusually bright and interesting number for March. In this number will begin

AN OLD-FASHIONED LOVE-STORY OF ABSORBING INTEREST to be continued throughout the year. The old subscribers and readers of Vick's have helped us to choose this story, which is reprinted at their request, as one most likely to be enjoyed by younger readers of the Magazine.

A SERIAL STORY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, in ten to twelve chapters is another feature of the March number. "Vick's Boys and Girls" will be further delighted through the year with more of Schuyler Bull's papers telling how to make things. Mr. Bull's paper for March tells of BOOK AND MAGAZINE BINDING AT HOME with eight illustrations to make the work clear.

As this is the Annual Gardening Number much space is given to the growing of fruits and vegetables in practical and successful ways by specialists in this line. FRUIT EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR FROM MY OWN GARDEN, "Crisp Salads all Summer from Ten Feet of Ground," "How to Grow Strawberries," "Little Cottage Gardens," are titles of some of the articles.

CLEVER WAYS OF DOING THINGS is given the usual space and illustrated by "clever" drawings. The new department.

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SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR READERS, And now what can we do to make the April number of the Magazine even better than that for March? Are there other new departments that our readers would like to see added; or any changes that might make old ones better? Would you like more space devoted to fancy-work, fashions or stories? Suggestions from subscribers are always welcome, and any that would seem to really improve the Magazine will be given due consideration.

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Aids to Health and Beauty.

By Juliet Hite Gallaher.

The Care of the Skin.

To remove sunburn or tan, wash the face well, then rub thoroughly with cold cream, just before retiring.

For an oily skin, try drinking a cupful of hot water and juice of half a lemon every morning. Do not add sugar.

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Do not go into the open air directly after exercising or taking a bath, as a severe cold is apt to be the result.

The Hands

For red hands, try washing in tepid water, with almond meal instead of soap.

Use lemon juice to remove stains from the hands, and freckles or tan.

Care should be taken not to break the cuticle when manicuring the nails, or the result will be painful and annoying hang-nails.

When polishing the finger nails, rub across instead of up and down.

If the nails are filed every day, they may be kept the right length without cutting.

If the nails are brittle, put them in olive oil for a few minutes before manicuring.

The Hair

A teaspoonful of borax added to the water in which you shampoo the hair, will greatly aid the removing of oil from it.

Massage the scalp and rub well with olive oil. This will stop the hair from falling and strengthen it.

To darken the eyebrows and lashes apply warm olive oil, nightly, with a camel's hair brush.

The hair loses the deadened particles that the scalp casts off, known as dandruff, and a frequent shampoo is necessary to remove it. Wash the hair with tar soap, rinse well and rub bay rum in the scalp. When the hair has a tendency to fall out, wash once a week in sage tea; this will strengthen it.

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That a few stalks of rhubarb cut up and boiled in a tea kettle full of water will soften the deposit of lime so that it may be all scraped away.

That a pan in which whitewash has been mixed may be cleaned easily if filled with sour milk and left to stand a few days.

That if plastered walls are brushed over with a strong vinegar wash, wall paper will stick as firmly, when put on with ordinary paste, as if the walls had been sized with glue.

That hot sour milk will brighten silver ware.

That sour milk or buttermilk will remove lime deposit from the water-pail, dipper and glass pitchers as well as from glasses in which water has stood with flowers.

That a fifteen-cent can of stove pipe enamel will save hours of work with the polishing brush on the stove pipe; also that the same makes a fine finish for the base and sides of the kitchen range, but that it burns off too readily for the top of the stove.

That a pair of stocking legs drawn over the dress sleeves before putting on the jacket is a great aid in cold weather riding.

That a chamois-skin vest is a much better protector than the chamois skin chest protector. Wear it over the dress waist and when you come in out of the cold remove it.

That it is folly to accustom oneself to wear so much clothing in the house that one is overburdened when adding enough to be comfortable out of doors in cold weather.

That an extra undershirt is a great help in keeping one warm when riding in cold weather, but might become exceedingly burdensome if worn in the house.

That a pair of knit wool gloves under a pair of soft leather mittens makes the ideal hand covering for the driver.

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There should be a large shelf or table for the dish washer, for if the housekeeper wishes to lessen and brighten this task, which is usually an irksome one, she needs plenty of water and plenty of room. The soiled dishes may be put on one side, the draining pan on the other, with the dish pan half full of hot water in which a little gold-dust washing powder has been dissolved, between. Then, with clean towels for drying, this will become a pleasant task. A row of drawers under the kitchen table for dish cloths, towels and other much needed articles is a delight to the careful housewife.

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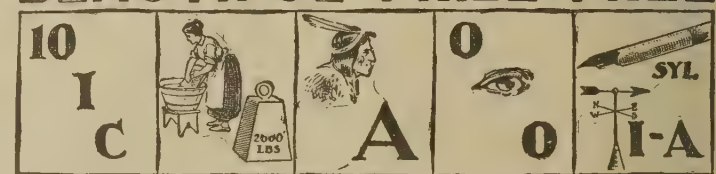
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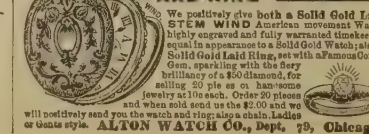
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Tommy.

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the kindly sympathy shown him by the minister, and he told him all his troubles,—how he had lost the cap and of his fight from a father's wrath. "You come home with me," said his new friend, "and I will find you a new hat. In fact, I think I have a blue cap just like the one you lost."

Tommy gladly responded to the invitation, and was made happy by the present of an old blue soldier's cap, which, with the exception of the bullet hole and the stain of blood, was a duplicate of the one he had lost. He was also further delighted by being offered the job of pumping the organ Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. This meant that he could hear the music he so dearly loved and earn fifty cents a week, besides. He was wild with joy and ran nearly all the way home, the cap hugged tightly to his breast instead of on his head. When he rushed into the house his mother caught him in her arms, kissing his little black face and crying over him, calling him her blessed, honey-chile. She was as much delighted as Tommy over the cap and quickly hung it on the nail.

"There," she said, with satisfaction and relief, "Yo' paw will never know the difference."

Dinah was very proud of her boy's position as organ-blower, and made him a white linen suit, which she starched and ironed each week. Tommy was a bright handsome lad and quite faithful to his duties. Soon he had won the approbation of the organist and of the entire choir. He also learned many hymns and often joined in the choruses.

As Easter drew near he was especially interested in the song-service that was to be given in the church. He had to come almost every day now, there were so many rehearsals.

All went well until the last day, when it was learned that the leading soprano would be unable to sing the opening solo on account of a severe cold. Great was the dismay. What was to be done? There was no one to take her place; the whole service would be spoiled!

"I can sing her part," said Tommy eagerly, but he drew back abashed at the laugh which his announcement created.

"I can," he reiterated, somewhat defiantly. "I know every word and note."

"Let him try," said the leader, winking at the organist, thinking Tommy's performance would be great fun. So Tommy, undaunted and confident in his abilities, stood by the side of the organ and sang. After the first few notes, those who had expected to laugh, listened in wonder. Never had they listened to such clear bird-like notes as those that came from the throat of the little black boy. It was a revelation to them; they had never dreamed of such a marvelous voice unknown in their very midst.

After he had ceased singing, Tommy received a storm of applause.

"I told you I could sing it!" he said, proudly.

"And so you did!" cried the leader. "And you shall sing it on Easter Sunday."

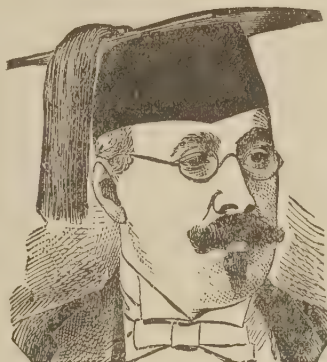
This was the beginning of Tommy's career. His voice attracted the attention of a childless old lady of great wealth, who gained the consent of Tommy's parents to allow her to educate him in both literature and music.

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The last in a series of twelve articles by Chester A. Olmstead, the well-known authority on honey bees. I hope these articles, which began in our March issue, will induce many of my readers to keep one or more colonies of these wonderful little workers.—ED.

As this is my twelfth and last visit with the many readers of Vick's Magazine, I shall try to make it an answer to many questions they would be likely to ask me if they had an opportunity.

In a good thrifty colony of bees in the summer time there are about fifty thousand workers, one or more thousand drones or male bees, and one queen. The life-length of a worker depends on its season. During the very busy season, workers wear themselves out in three or four weeks. Those hatched in the fall live all winter and spring. The queen lives from three to four years. Drones if allowed to, will live several months, but if the honey-flow stops, even the un-hatched ones are destroyed.

It takes about five thousand bees to weigh one pound. A man of 200 pounds weighs a million times as much as a bee, yet the bee will chase him out of his premises in most amusing style. The average load of honey brought in by a bee is about 1-20,000th part of a pound. In other words, she would have to bring twenty thousand loads to make a pound. A drone is much larger and weighs two-and-one-half times as much as a worker.

Bees have been known to go seven miles from an island to mainland for honey, but the greater part of their store under ordinary conditions is gathered within a mile of their home.

When a swarm comes out and clusters on a tree or other object, if the bee-keeper does not put it in a hive it will, after waiting a few hours, swarm off again, making a wonderful roaring noise, to some hollow tree or other place that offers shelter, usually many miles away from the hive it came from.

For many years it has been claimed that bees must consume about twenty pounds of honey to enable them to secrete one pound of wax. Until some careful and accurate experiments have been made these estimates will answer as well as any. Very early in the spring, just before bees can get pollen from early flowers, they will take flour of wheat or any other grain, if finely ground, to use in rearing brood; but they will not use it as soon as they can get natural pollen.

Corn syrup, or glucose, is death to bees. They will eat it only when half-starved in winter. I forced a small swarm to eat it last winter and they soon died.

The sting of a bee is about one-eighth of an inch long and very sharp. It is not the wound made by the sting in entering the flesh that causes pain but the poison that is forced into the flesh by it. At the base of the sting is a muscle-covered, bladder-like bag containing poison. When the sting is forced into one's flesh or clothing these muscles contract and force the poison into the wound. The pointed part that enters the wound is really three parts. One is grooved or hollowed out lengthwise on one side and acts as a sort of a shield, or support to hold the other two in place. These latter two are very sharp and along their sides there are six to eight little barbs like the one on a fish hook. At the base of these barbed spear-like parts is a set of muscles which work alternately. If a sting is taken from a live bee and started into the skin or clothing, just as soon as one part is in far enough for a barb to catch the other part uses this as an anchor and forces itself in. Then first one and then the other is forced in until its length is reached. These muscles and the ones around the poison have shown life, or at least motion, twenty minutes after the sting was taken from the bee.

Do not delay in "removing" bee stings, as some advise. They should be knocked out the instant they touch you. If the sting is on the hand, strike it a glancing blow on the clothing, which will knock bee, sting and all off before one percent of the poison gets into the blood. If the sting is on the face, neck, or any like place, a quick brush with the hand or sleeve will remove it so quickly that it does little harm.

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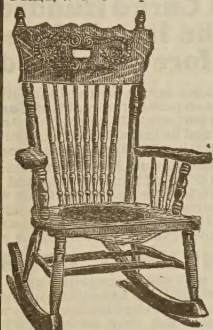
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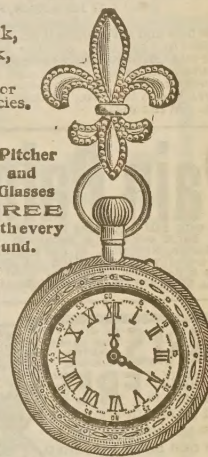
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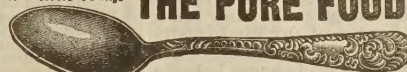
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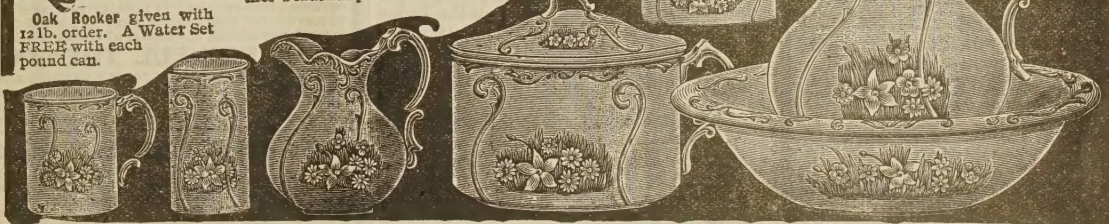
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The Indoor Winter Garden

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Another seedling was a lovely shade of purple, as double as a flower can be. Then there was a plant with a double white blossom. These three were as fine double flowers as any from tubers could be. There were three more plants but we transplanted only six; the others were given away. One had large yellow flowers; the other bright red ones. Both of these are single. There is also a semi-double flowered sort, with blooms of purplish-red.

Dahlias may be grown so easily from seed, and have such a goodly per cent. of doubles that it is well worth while to raise seedlings. Our seed was sown in April; the plants bloomed the third week in July. If seed were sown early the plants would bloom as soon from seed as from tubers.

A Good Home-Made Fertilizer.

By E. M. Lucas.

Properly prepared, bone is one of the best fertilizers for flowering plants, as they require a large percentage of phosphoric acid to develop their buds and flowers and less nitrogen than do plants that are grown for their foliage alone. One often hears of ammonia being recommended for plants, adding a teaspoonful to the water used to water pot plants. This may be beneficial in some cases, especially for foliage plants, but ammonia or any form of nitrogen alone causes a rapid growth of foliage. The plant, in taking up the available ammonia, exhausts the other properties of the soil and soon comes to grief, unless the soil contains much potash and phosphoric acid. Phosphoric acid causes the plants to bloom. This is the part of the food in the soil that brings all vegetation to maturity, causing it to put forth flowers to produce seeds. Nitrogen develops leaf and growth; potash gives firmness to the stems. When all three are combined a perfect food is the result.

Bone, prepared with potash, is the best and most soluble of plant foods, but is not offered for sale in all places. It is so very easily prepared at home, and so cheap, that the matter is worth considering by all who cultivate flowers in the house or garden. I save the bones from meats used, taking them to an out-of-the-way place and throwing them in a heap. The action of the sun and an occasional spraying with the hose, soon cleanses them of all fat and grease. They must be clean, as grease of any kind greatly weakens the action of the potash. When I have sixteen pounds of bone I begin operations by dissolving three pounds of potash in four and a half quarts of water. This should be done in wood or stoneware, not in tin vessels. When the potash is thoroughly dissolved, add the bones. Let this stand until all the bones are dissolved. This will require from two to six weeks, according to the size and state of the bones. Fresh and large bones require a longer time than old bones.

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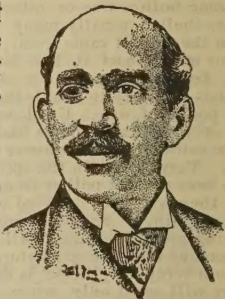
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ture is thick, resembling porridge, of a gray or brownish color. Now add four pounds of fifty per cent. sulphuric acid. I pay forty cents for this amount and my druggist dissolves it for me. It must stand over night after being dissolved, as the stuff becomes very hot. Pour this slowly into the bone mixture, stirring all the time. The acid liberates large quantities of carbonic acid gas, which action causes the entire mass to bubble and become very hot. Stir the mass thoroughly, with a long stick, as long as there is any action. This acid acts on the caustic properties of the potash, and the potash will in turn neutralize the acid. The product, when cold, may be handled without injury to the hands or clothing. Be very careful, however, not to let the potash or sulphuric acid alone touch the hands or clothing.

Let the stuff stand, uncovered, in a dry place,—an outer shed or barn,—for about a week, stirring occasionally. At the end of that time it will be a dry, fine powder. A teaspoonful can be used in a five-inch flower pot, mixing it in the soil when potting the plant. It can also be stirred in from the top, the constant watering carrying it down to the roots. Or, add a tablespoonful of the mixture to each two quarts of water and use once a week to water the plants.

A Hint for Window Garden- ing

By George B. Griffith

An English friend of mine has given me the following, which suggests a way in which hardy wood-climbers might be available for window decoration or early spring:

"Some years ago, as I was passing through a room used only occasionally, I perceived an odor of fresh flowers that surprised me, as none were ever kept there. On raising the curtain of the east window I saw that a bunch of Dutch honeysuckle had found its way between the two sashes at one corner while growing in the summer, and had extended itself quite across the window; and on the branch inside there were three or four clusters of well developed flowers, with the usual accompaniment of leaves, while on the main bush outside there was not a leaf yet to be seen. The flowers inside were just as beautiful and fragrant as if they had waited until the natural time of blooming. Since then I have tried the experiment purposely, and always with the same result."

I would add that a heavy covering of the ground over the roots of the plants with leaves, and sufficient protection of the stem outside, would allow this method to be practised in quite severe climates.

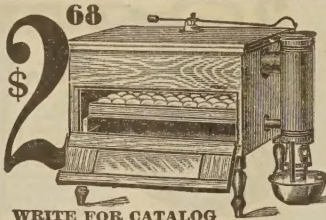
Saving for Comfort.

There is a whole lot of comfort in saving. Sometimes the actual refraining from spending may be uncomfortable; but comfort comes immediately after the decision is reached not to part with the cash, but to put it with the fund that is accumulating. It is the same comforting satisfaction that is produced when one puts aside temptation of any sort. The first experience is a revelation to anyone; and, to the right-thinking individual, the comfort derived from it makes one want to repeat the operation.

There is no one so poor, but they can get this sort of comfort—a comfort that is comforting to body, mind and spirit. Yet the comfort derived from the saving of each small part of an accumulation, is but a mere fraction of the comfort derived from the knowledge that there is somewhere a fund that may be drawn upon in an emergency. No matter what the catastrophe may be, the money that has been saved is bound to be the best and most comforting friend in the time of need.

A bank account never passes one by in time of adversity. Savings never express verbal sympathy, and do nothing more. Money held in reserve never uses one for a "good thing" and then forgets the benefactor. Cash laid away for future use never costs anything; it always makes one comfortable.

Savings, carefully placed where they draw the largest interest compatible with safety, are ever ready to aid the saver.



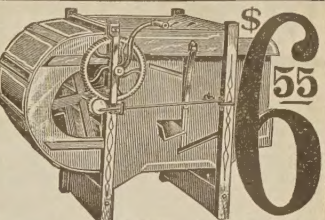
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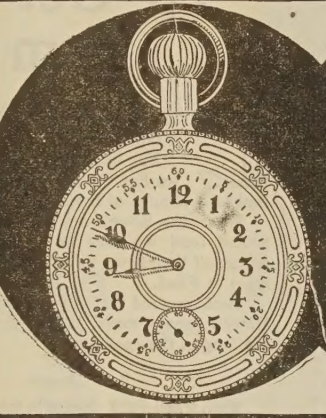
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Box 115, Station J, Cleveland, Ohio; \$5; Etta Watkins, R. F. D. No. 3, Orlando, Oklahoma; \$5; Amata A. Dunning, 608 E. Sharpe Av., Spokane, Wash.; \$5; Chas. A. Harlow, Stonington, Conn.; \$5; Saxo Wiegand, 28 E. 84th St., New York City; \$5. We could go on and point to hundreds of names of people who have gained large sums of money from our contests, but only give a few names. The solution can be worked out by an alert and clever person, and it will amply pay you to TRY AND SPELL OUT THESE CITIES. Brains and energy nowadays are winning many golden prizes. Study it very carefully and let us see if you are clever and smart enough to spell out the cities. We would rather take this way of advertising our excellent Magazine than spending many thousands of dollars in other foolish ways. We freely and cheerfully give the money away. **YOU MAY WIN.** We do not care who gets the money. TO PLEASE OUR READERS IS OUR DUTY. The question is, Can you get the correct solution? If you can do so, write the names of the cities and your full address plainly in a letter and mail it to us, and you will hear from us promptly by return mail. Lazy and foolish people neglect these grand free offers and then wonder and complain about their bad luck. There are always plenty of opportunities for clever, brainy people who are always alert and ready to grasp a real good thing. We have built up our enormous business by being alert and liberal in our GREAT OFFERS. We are continually offering our readers RARE AND UNUSUAL prizes. We have a big capital, and anyone can easily ascertain about our financial condition. We intend to have the largest circulation for our high-class Magazine in the world. In this progressive age publishers find that they must be liberal in giving away prizes. It is the successful way to get your Magazine talked about. Of course, if you are easily discouraged and are not patient and are not willing to spend any time in trying to work out the solution, you certainly cannot expect to win. **USE YOUR BRAINS.** Write the names of the cities and send them to us, and we will be just as much pleased as you are. WE desire someone to be successful, and as it does not cost you one cent to solve and answer this contest, it will be very foolish for you to pass it by. In all fairness give it some of your leisure time. **SUCCESS IS FOR ENERGETIC AND THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE.** and the reader do not pass this advertisement without trying hard to make a SOLUTION OF THE LETTERS PRINTED IN THE CENTRE OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT. We suggest that you carefully read this offer several times before giving up the idea of solving the puzzle. Many people write us kind and grateful letters, profusely thanking us for our prompt and honest dealings. It always pays to give attention to our grand and liberal offers. OUR PRIZES have gladdened the hearts of many persons who needed the money. If you need money you will give attention to this special offer this very minute. If you solve it, write us immediately.

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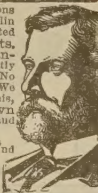
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The Driver from Felix.

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"And Nig—Nig done his duty."
During the brief ride to Bordeaux Mildred Dennison had ample time for reflection. The new driver was a raw French lad who did not disturb her thoughts. She was thinking how in all her life she should probably never see her other driver again.

He had certainly been indifferent at parting. Her reverie was suddenly interrupted by the conversation behind.

"We tried to get him to take a purse, but I guess he knowed we was all poor men. Besides, he said he wouldn't have done it, for any money, if there hadn't been a lady aboard."

"So his horse died?"

"Died a few minutes after we got out of the stage."

For six months Mildred Dennison fought with her longing for the plains,—the wild, free, cactus country. Alice's letters were infrequent. Once she had written to the storekeeper at Half-Way, asking about all the people and places of the neighborhood. His answering rough, rude scrawl was spread open in her lap one February day. Did she remember the drivers on the route? They were the same as when she left. One of them sometimes inquired about her.

At the end of the week when, on St. Valentine's Day, the driver from Felix again reached Half-Way, the storekeeper handed him, with the mail, a large white envelope. The address was in a clear but unfamiliar cursive, yet he at once guessed it was from her.

TO THE DRIVER FROM FELIX.

He read it through without changing expression. As he finished, however, he started the storekeeper by remarking:

"Jed, your son would like to drive the stage, wouldn't he? Yes, I thought so. Well, just have him start tomorrow morning for Felix, and tell Green when he gets there, that I won't be back. I will be starting for Bordeaux by the next stage. H'm—H'm!" musingly, "Green was a mighty nice man to work for."

The cow-boys gasped at this untruth. "And Green's driver for years! Well, he has a claim-shack on Cherry Crick. Maybe he's turned cowman."

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